



January 24, 2019

The House Environment & Energy Committee
231A John L. O'Brien Building
P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Re: HB 1194, Pollution Prevention for Our Future Act

Dear Members of the House & Environment and Energy Committee:

PCC Community Markets, a locally-grown, community-owned food market, supports the Pollution Prevention for Our Future Act, HB 1194, and its goals of reviewing and reducing priority chemicals from our homes, food and environment.

As the nation's largest community-owned food market with more than 60,000 members, PCC Community Markets has dedicated our business to bringing local, organic and sustainable food, health and body products to King and Snohomish counties. We believe that we have a fundamental responsibility to choose the safest possible ingredients and packaging for our consumers. To this end, PCC has taken numerous steps to address toxic chemicals in our food, packaging, health and body care products, and stores, including:

- Adopting packaging standards in April 2017 to establish guidelines and accountability for the packaging we use for foods and actively seek substitutes that do not contain persistent contaminants.
- Phasing out perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) from use in food packaging before Washington State's mandate.
- Phasing out Bisphenol A (BPA) in 2010 from our register receipts and all other bisphenols, such as BPS, in 2014.
- Prohibiting from sale in our health and body care products hundreds of common ingredients and chemicals, such as parabens, petroleum compounds or triclosan.

Finding packaging and products that uphold the standard underlying these actions often was challenging and continues to be a significant obstacle. We believe HB 1194 would assist manufacturers in producing safer products and make it easier for retailers to implement meaningful policy and product changes to eliminate chemicals that may harm people or the environment and hurt salmon and orcas.

Washington should enact HB 1194. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Submitted respectfully,

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