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Washington State Legislature
House Environment & Energy Committee
P.O. Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Please Support Legislation to Expedite the Removal of Toxic 6PPD from Tires

Dear Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee,

The undersigned organizations express our strong support for [HB 2421/SB 6119](#) to accelerate the transition away from the tire chemical 6PPD and toward safer alternatives that protect Washington's rivers, salmon, and communities.

6PPD—a chemical used in tires to prevent cracking—transforms into 6PPD-Q when exposed to ozone. Although an important safety component of tires, this compound is lethal to coho salmon and poses a significant threat to other aquatic species vital to Washington's ecosystems, Tribal treaty rights, and recreational and commercial fisheries. One recent study found 80% mortality rate for juvenile coho salmon in stormwater contaminated with 6PPD-Q after three different rainstorms.

Studies have also found 6PPD-Q in humans, raising serious concerns about harmful health risks, although further research is needed. Despite growing worldwide awareness of this danger and several promising alternatives under development, tire manufacturers cannot commit to stop using 6PPD without clear market incentives or regulatory timelines.

This legislation offers a practical and science-based path forward. It sets a clear prohibition on the sale of 6PPD-containing tires beginning in 2035—providing industry with ample time for research,

safety testing, and adoption. In the interim, it establishes a modest \$3- and \$6-per-tire fee on manufacturers of passenger and truck tires containing 6PPD. The fee will create meaningful incentives for innovation and early adoption of a safer substitute. Last, the bill authorizes Ecology to act against harmful alternative chemicals that may be considered as a replacement for 6PPD. This will ensure that any alternative chemicals are better for the environment and do not create new environmental or public health risks.

The revenue generated from this fee will be reinvested directly into 6PPD-Q research and remediation: funding Ecology implementation, monitoring 6PPD-Q levels in streams, and funding the cleanup of illegally dumped tires in rivers and parks. These investments will improve water quality and direct future projects that benefit aquatic health.

We respectfully urge the Legislature to pass this bill in the 2026 session to move toward tires that will protect both people and salmon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Toxic Free Future
Seattle Public Utilities
Puget Soundkeeper
Long Live the Kings
Tulalip Tribes
Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Coastal Watershed Institute
Sierra Club Washington State Chapter
The Suquamish Tribe
Association of Washington Cities
Zero Waste Washington
Spokane Riverkeeper

Washington Wild
Measure Meant
Seattle Aquarium
American Rivers
Duwamish River Community Coalition
Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed
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Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
American Whitewater