



May 9, 2017

Washington State Department of Ecology
C/O Kara Steward
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Dear Ms. Steward:

People of faith across Washington State strongly support the Children's Safe Products Act, and we would like to thank you for your leadership in championing chemical safety.

All faith traditions call us to care for each other, be good stewards of our planet, and strive for justice. Earth Ministry and our members ask that you to implement these values through wise revision of the Children's Safe Products Act.

Thank you for adding an additional 21 chemicals to the list of Chemicals of High Concern to Children. However, we are concerned about the omission of hormone-disrupting phthalates DIPP, DEMP, and DIOP as well as non-stick and stain-resistant chemicals PFOA and those that break down to form PFOA. Furthermore, there is no reason to remove the chemical D4, a known endocrine disruptor that has been reported for seven years.

In addition to the cards we delivered to you at the public hearing on April 25, we are submitting the enclosed comments from members of the religious community concerned about chemical safety. Our faith compels us to request high standards of reporting that includes dangerous phthalates, PFOA-related chemicals, and D4 in the Department of Ecology's revision of the Children's Safe Product Act.

Thank you for protecting our loved ones and all of God's children.

Yours,

LeeAnne Beres
Executive Director