

# Earth Ministry

Dear Ms. Steward and the Department of Ecology,

People of faith know that we have a moral obligation to protect present and future generations from toxic contamination in our homes, in our food, and in the products we use every day.

We appreciate your work to limit harmful chemicals in consumer products. Especially groundbreaking is the Children's Safe Products Act reporting program that has not only helped protect kids, but also established Washington as a chemical safety champion.

New research shows certain toxic chemicals are widely used but not reported. Product makers should at least have to disclose their use of these chemicals.

To align with our shared values, please add the following to the Chemicals of High Concern to Children list:

- Hormone-disrupting phthalates DIPP, DEMP, DIOP
- Stain-resistant and non-stick chemicals PFOA and related chemicals that break down to form PFOA

In addition, please keep the chemical D4 on the list as is it an endocrine disruptor linked to developmental problems. D4 has been reported for the last 7 years so there is no reason to remove it now.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of all God's children.

I value chemical safety standards because...

Pope Francis calls on all of us to respect God's creation - the earth and all its inhabitants. We must be wise and courageous enough to find workable alternatives to harmful chemicals.