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Dear Mr. Rice:

We appreciate the work of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) in developing the first list of priority consumer products for future regulation under Safer Products for Washington (RCW 70.365).

Under Safer Products for Washington, Ecology has the authority to take bold action to ban classes of chemicals or require disclosure. This is critically important because the classes of chemicals identified in the law are posing serious threats to health and the environment, particularly for sensitive populations and sensitive species.

Addressing toxic chemicals at their source is imperative to prevent the decline of endangered species like the southern resident orcas and their prey, Chinook salmon. Many of the same chemicals persist in the environment and build up in the food chain. We know that eliminating the use of harmful chemicals in consumer products is an effective way to reduce levels of the chemicals in our homes as well as in the environment.

The Seattle Aquarium supports inclusion of the products proposed by Ecology in its draft report:

- Carpet and carpet treatment.
- Plastic device casings for electric and electronic equipment, containing flame retardants.
- Vinyl flooring containing phthalates.
- Cosmetic fragrances containing phthalates.
- Food and drink cans and thermal papers with bisphenols.
- Detergents containing phenolic compounds.
- Inks containing PCBs.

We also request that additional products be added as priorities to prevent these harmful classes of chemicals from contaminating our food, water, wildlife and people:

- Furniture upholstery and other textiles (drapes, tablecloths) containing PFAS.
- Floor treatments (waxes, polishes) containing PFAS.
- Apparel containing PFAS.
- Personal care products and cosmetics containing PFAS.
- Building insulation (polystyrene insulation, polyisocyanurate insulation and spray foam insulation) containing organohalogen flame retardants.
- Personal care products containing phthalates.
- Cleaning products containing phthalates.
- Food contact materials (including dairy, production equipment and processing equipment) containing phthalates.
- Apparel and paint containing industrial phenolic compounds.
- Paints and dyes containing PCBs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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