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Dear Director Bellon:

Washington state has a tremendous opportunity to move the market to safer products with its precedent-setting ban on PFAS in food packaging (70.95G RCW).

World Centric, our competitors and the chemical industry are currently working on solutions to replace short chain PFAS chemicals. We are actively working towards the goal of offering select items with no PFAS added by the end of first quarter 2020, and fully removing PFAS from all molded fiber skus by the end 2020. Our goal is to be fully compliant with the January 2022 deadline to remove PFAS from food packaging.

Future options for PFAS free products include:

1. PLA lamination on molded fiber products without PFAS.
2. Molded fiber products without PFAS chemicals, which may work for food applications that are not overly oily or greasy.
3. Molded fiber products with an alternative grease barrier to PFAS providing grease resistance.
4. PLA products (clear cups, containers, straws, cutlery), PLA lined FSC certified paper or NoTree (sugarcane) paper hot cups and bowls – these do not have PFAS chemicals, and are plant-based and compostable

We encourage you to keep the PFAS food packaging products in the ban so that the market for safer packaging will continue to evolve.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stephany".

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