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5031 University Way NE
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Re: PFAS in Food Packaging

Dear Rae Eaton,

PFAS in food packaging legislation passed in 2018. Implementation of the bill is proceeding too slowly. Retailers across the country are already switching to PFAS-free alternatives, which demonstrates that there is no need to delay. Here in Seattle food packaging must be compostable, additional proof that alternatives to PFAS products are available and in wide use.

We urge you to accelerate the alternatives assessment process. Additional delay is unnecessary and raises environmental justice concerns. The Daikin America plant in Decatur, Alabama, where PFAS for food packaging is produced, has a legacy of significant PFAS contamination of land and drinking water. People of color comprise 78% of the exposed community living within three miles of the plant. We have a moral responsibility to protect communities both in Washington and where PFAS is produced outside of the state. Removing PFAS from all food packaging as soon as possible is imperative for the health of communities everywhere.

Washington has been a leader in toxic chemical reform. Please continue to set a high standard with swifter implementation of the second PFAS Food Packaging Alternatives Assessment.

Sincerely,

David Perk
350 Seattle Leadership Team

350 Seattle works toward climate justice by organizing people to make deep system change: resisting fossil fuels; building momentum for healthy alternatives; and fostering resilient, just, and welcoming communities.