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Subject: RE: ACTION ITEM: PFAS Study- Extension Request
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Hello Samantha – your message worked its way to me for follow-up.

Thanks for reaching out to our team regarding work on the PFAS Alternatives Assessment and your request for a one year extension of the PFAS Study. We greatly appreciate your participation in the stakeholder process and recognize the challenges that COVID-19 has had on your members' ability to participate and contribute to the project.

Ecology is finalizing our scientific research related to identifying safer alternatives to PFAS in Food Packaging as directed by the Legislature in 2018 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.95G.070>). As you know, Ecology delayed the project earlier this year based on stakeholder input from those who use food packaging and those who are concerned about PFAS in food packaging. The additional work included additional surveying of industry, additional food packaging research, and regular communications via the website and recorded webinars.

Ecology expects to complete our determination of safer alternatives, the required peer review, and submit a final report to the Legislature by the end of the year. Meeting this goal would already be a one-year delay from the original submission date. Any ban on PFAS-based food packaging would come into effect no sooner than two years later, approximately in late 2022 or early 2023 to allow for the transition for any identified product categories. As Ecology will already be late submitting the mandatory report to the Legislature, we do not believe an additional one-year delay is possible at this time.

We realize the impacts of the current situation has greatly impacted some of your industry members, including small businesses. We are supportive of working with your members to address any specific needs that may arise as the COVID-19 emergency continues, including potential regulatory flexibility on the compliance date beyond 2023. If you would like to talk about this possibility the needs of your members, please let me know and I'd be happy to set up a meeting.

I recognize that this is an ongoing and unsettled time for everyone. We are interested in finding innovative ways to engage with our stakeholders. Ecology is committed to ensuring we address the challenges that industry and others have in providing valuable feedback during this time.

Thank you again for reaching out. I appreciate your concerns and I am available to discuss any thoughts you have about our work going forward.

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Good morning Lauren,

Thank you for sending this note out to the group and thank you for your work throughout this process. I was unclear on who the proper team members were to address this email to, but I hope you can help me pass it along to the people.

I am writing you today to ask that the Department **consider at least a one year extension on delivering the PFAS study.**

Over the last several months hospitality businesses statewide have been hit catastrophically by COVID-19. This means many businesses are closed, many businesses may not reopen, and many businesses are still unclear on when they can reopen. Because of this, our industry has been and is unable to participate in this important work in a thoughtful manner.

Our members have been in support of the work on PFAS in food packaging and understand the importance of this group and the work that has been done to date, but would again ask for an extension so proper engagement can happen.

Thank you for your consideration of the extension and please let me know if I can help answer any questions.

Cheers,
Samantha

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Subject: Can we acknowledge your organization in the PFAS in Food Packaging AA?

Good morning,

Thank you for your continued interest and support in the Washington state PFAS in Food Packaging Alternatives Assessment (AA). As we prepare the assessment, we would like to acknowledge your organization's participation in this process. **Please confirm your willingness for your organization to be publicly identified as an interested party or stakeholder who engaged in the development of the PFAS in Food Packaging AA by responding to the [Stakeholder Release Survey](#).**

Thank you, and we hope to see you at our [next webinar on August 11](#).

PFAS in Food Packaging AA team

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