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Dear Irina Makarow,

Thank you for your good work in developing the 2020 PFAS Chemical Action Plan (CAP) draft and helping ensure Washington State remains a national leader in addressing PFAS chemicals.

I am writing to you because, as a person of faith, I know we have a moral obligation to protect present and future generations from toxic contamination in the products we use every day. Your work of implementing strong standards for PFAS chemicals and cleaning up contaminated sites addresses this call to environmental justice.

I encourage you to incorporate the following values and actions into the draft PFAS Chemical Action Plan:

- **Transparency:** Immediately designate PFAS as a hazardous substance under the Model Toxics Control Act.
- **Accountability:** Require polluters and parties responsible for PFAS production to help pay for clean up of contaminated sites and drinking water.
- **Stewardship:** Pursue testing of PFAS in sludge (biosolids) and develop a sludge standard for PFAS.
- **Responsibility:** Address PFAS chemicals as a class and establish a cleanup standard for all PFAS in 2021. Expand beyond PFOS and PFOA to include the other types of PFAS being considered in the Department of Health's PFAS drinking water standard.
- **Commitment:** Shorten the timeline for regulating other products known to contain PFAS including apparel, waxes and polishes, cosmetics, and children's products. While we commend the agency for taking action through the Safer Products for WA Act, more must be done before its second cycle to address large sources of exposure identified in the CAP.

As a parent and soon to be a grandparent, I am extremely concerned about how PFAS accumulate in our bodies and have the potential to disrupt our hormonal systems. The more that medical researchers know about PFAS chemicals, the more that we realize how serious their implications on health are. PFAS may cause health problems in fertility and pregnancy-induced hypertension/preeclampsia. They may increase cholesterol and heart disease. And they may be related to problems in the immune system as a hormone disrupter. The precautionary principle should be that we direct manufacturers and users of such projects prove that that PFAS will not disperse into the environment or into our food and water.

Thank you for doing your part to protect Washington's families and environment from toxic PFAS.

Sincerely,
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