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Subject: Please strengthen the draft PFAS CAP

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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:** Designate PFAS as a hazardous substance under the Model Toxics Control Act.
- **Accountability:** Require polluters and parties responsible for PFAS contamination in drinking water to help pay for drinking water testing and clean-up when necessary.
- **Stewardship:** Recommend development of a clean-up standard for PFAS in sludge, not just in soil and groundwater.
- **Responsibility:** Investigate sources of PFAS contamination and create a timeline for establishing clean-up standards for PFAS chemicals as a class - not just PFOS and PFOA. Please include other PFAS being considered in the Department of Health's drinking water PFAS standards.
- **Commitment:** Shorten the timeline to before 2027 for regulating other PFAS-containing products beyond carpets, textiles, and stain-resistant carpet treatments in the second cycle of Safer Products for WA.

Personalize your message:

Why am I having to encourage the Dept. of Ecology to foster a stronger PFAS Chemical Action Plan? Does the WA Dept. of Ecology not regularly consider what a loving plan look like around chemical use — a plan that is about promoting the health of humans and the living community in which we all live? People are not objects. And, corporations are not people and they need to follow rules that protect living beings and not the corporate entity at our expense. I recommend that you always ask what loving actions look like for all plans and rulings and such that you consider.

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

Sincerely,
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