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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 mother, grandmother, and Christian, I believe that I have a moral obligation to try to take steps to make the world a better place for future generations. Surely doing all we can to get PFAS out of the environment is an important step in that direction.

It is sobering to realize that almost all waterways contain PFAS. The companies that produce these should be held accountable to pay for their clean-up. Everyone deserves clean water, it is a matter of simple justice. Companies that have polluted our water need to be held responsible for their damage.

It is also important to designate PFAS as a hazardous substance, and strengthen laws that keep them out of products.

Thank you for what you have already done, and please continue to strengthen protections to protect the public.

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

Sincerely,
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