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Dear Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program,

I am writing today to ask Washington State's Department of Ecology (Ecology) to take stronger, swifter action on toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). While many of the actions proposed in Ecology's draft Chemical Action Plan (CAP) move our state in the right direction, this draft falls short of what we know is necessary to protect Washingtonians from these toxic forever chemicals.

I request that Ecology strengthen the PFAS CAP to include the following recommendations:

-Speed up timelines for dealing with PFAS contamination. An ambitious timeline must be established to identify and clean up toxic sites beginning in 2021.

As an architect, PFAS substances are also present in building products. We would like to eliminate harmful PFAS-containing products like stain repellency that can show up in carpets, fabrics or ceiling tiles to name a few. Some paints and coatings also contain PFAS/PFOA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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