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Dear Irina Makarow,

Thank you for developing the PFAS Chemical Action Plan (CAP). I am glad to see Washington stepping up to prevent new PFAS pollution. These dangerous and forever chemicals don't belong in our homes or our drinking water.

I would like to see the CAP strengthened in a few ways, namely by including these recommendations:

- Ban non-essential uses of PFAS as of 2025. Currently, the recommendation delays action on many non-essential products despite significant evidence that they are important sources of exposure.
- Immediately designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the MTCA and adopt cleanup standards for all PFAS in 2021. Neither state nor federal law recognizes PFAS as hazardous substances despite the significant drinking water contamination and known health effects of PFAS. This is a critical step to ensure polluters pay to clean up contamination and drinking water in communities.
- Pursue immediate testing of sludge and develop a sludge (biosolids) standard for all PFAS. Sewage sludge (biosolids) should be tested for PFAS chemicals, beginning with sludge applied to dairy and other farms in our state. Alternative disposal methods should be investigated to keep PFAS off farms and other lands.
- Adopt strong drinking water standards in 2021 for all PFAS. The Department of Health is currently in the process of establishing standards for PFAS in drinking water, which are set to be finalized in 2021. Setting standards for all PFAS is the only way to ensure that Washingtonians have access to safe drinking water.

Please take bold action to ban, regulate, and cleanup PFAS contamination in our state.

Regards,  
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