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Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Ban PFAS and Address Other Harmful Products

Dear Environment and Climate Change Canada,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned citizen to express my deep worries regarding the health impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and to urgently request that the government take immediate action to ban these harmful substances without any phase-out period.

PFAS are a class of chemicals that pose serious risks to human health and the environment. As highlighted in the recent qualitative assessment conducted by the Government of Canada, PFAS are entering the environment at levels that are harmful. The persistence, accumulation, and mobility of PFAS make them an ongoing threat to both our health and the well-being of our ecosystems. Furthermore, the harmful effects of PFAS on wildlife and their potential to bioaccumulate in the food chain raise alarming environmental concerns.

Given the extensive use of PFAS in a wide range of consumer products, industrial applications, and specialized uses, it is crucial that we address this issue promptly. The health effects associated with PFAS exposure are deeply concerning. As someone with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), it has been difficult to get healthcare support for the recognized disability I experience, which can be triggered also by PFAS exposures. Lack of the strictest regulations on private industries are causing Canadians like me to develop chronic, disabling health conditions.

To avoid further harm from unregulated consumer products, I urge the government to take decisive action by implementing an immediate ban on PFAS, without allowing for a phase-out period. Delaying the ban could lead to prolonged exposure to these hazardous substances and

further harm to public health and the environment. We cannot afford to wait while the consequences continue to accumulate.

Additionally, while addressing the issue of PFAS, I implore the government to extend its consultation and phase-out efforts to other harmful substances as well. It is crucial that we comprehensively examine the safety and impact of various chemicals used in consumer products, industrial processes, and other applications. By expanding the scope of consultations and taking proactive measures, we can safeguard the health and well-being of all Canadians and especially future generations.

I kindly request that you consider my concerns and take immediate action to ban PFAS, prioritize the health of Canadians, and protect our environment from these hazardous substances. I believe that by demonstrating strong leadership in chemical management and implementing swift measures, the government can set a precedent for responsible and protective policies.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I look forward to your prompt response and action on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

(Your Signature)

[Insert Your Name Here]