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Re: Comments on the Proposed PFAS Listing Order and Risk Management Approach

We, the undersigned individuals, are writing today in support of adding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), and to urge you to quickly impose regulations that prohibit PFAS in firefighting foams and consumer products. Canada must hold manufacturers, importers and polluters accountable for their harms to people and ecosystems, and make them liable for PFAS-related health harms, cleanups, and drinking water treatment costs.

The federal government has a responsibility under CEPA to protect human and environmental health. PFAS are a large class of thousands of synthetic chemicals widely used in society. They pose a significant threat to our health and the environment, as confirmed by the State of PFAS report. PFAS are found in everything from our drinking water to our clothing, food contact materials and personal care products. This ongoing exposure means these chemicals are also accumulating in our bodies and the environment, posing significant health risks.

The finalized State of PFAS report confirms these risks, including higher rates of kidney disease and cancer, but consultations on the proposed risk management approach aren't set to begin until 2027. We need faster regulations that protect us from PFAS exposure in products sooner.

Other jurisdictions, including parts of Europe and the U.S. are already moving towards product-based PFAS phaseouts. Canada must do the same.

Sincerely,
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