TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH—THE HONOURABLE LEONA AGLUKKAQ

We, the undersigned, draw the attention of the Minister to the following:

- Many consumer products, including cosmetics, contain known or suspected carcinogens, developmental and reproductive toxins including endocrine-disrupting chemicals. These inherently risky chemicals should not be allowed in cosmetics since risk assessments do not take into account the way Canadians are routinely exposed to these chemicals from a variety of other sources. To allow such chemicals in cosmetics simply adds to our body burden of these known hazardous chemicals.
- Canadian manufacturers are not required to inform consumers that their products contain these chemicals. Nor are they required to inform consumers of the hazard those chemicals may pose.
- Many chemicals used in personal care products have incomplete safety data and testing of ingredients, including nanoparticles commonly used in sunscreens and face creams. The government cannot legislate in the absence of full information.
- We believe Health Canada should follow a more precautionary and scientific hazard-based approach to chemicals management. The ability for consumers to have ingredient listing is meaningless unless Canadians are also informed about the inherent hazards of these chemicals.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, demand that legislation be introduced to:

- prohibit all known or suspected carcinogens, mutagens and reproductive toxins from use in any cosmetic product sold in Canada within three years.

In the interim, while manufacturers reformulate:

- legislate that there be warning labels on cosmetics and personal care products that contain ingredients not tested for their long-term safety, including nanoparticles.
- legislate that there be clear warning labels on cosmetics and personal care products that contain carcinogens, mutagens, and reproductive toxins.

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