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Dear Dr. Scher,

I am pleased to provide you with this interim response to your January 26, 2021 letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Acting Administrator, Jane Nishida, on behalf of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) regarding recommendations on chemical prioritization and data needs to protect children's health under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

We at EPA are committed to delivering on the promise of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act and appreciate your helpful and thoughtful input on protecting children, including those living in vulnerable communities, as well as other susceptible populations from health effects after toxic chemical exposures

As you know, the federal government is in a period of leadership transition. During this time, we at the EPA are evaluating the new administration's priorities as it relates to implementation of specific policies, including TSCA. In the coming weeks and months, we expect to move ahead on this topic and many others. I assure you that we will carefully consider the recommendations from CHPAC as we move forward to review existing toxic chemicals, including those remaining in the 2014 TSCA Work Plan, for prioritization and risk evaluation. We will respond further with a substantive response soon after we have had an opportunity to get input from the new leadership at EPA.

We appreciate CHPAC's continued advice and input on issues related to children's environmental health.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant Administrator,
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