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Dear Ms. Forsyth and Ms. O'Brien:

I am writing to confirm that on August 1, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your petition, submitted on behalf of the Yurok Tribe, the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, requesting that EPA "establish regulations prohibiting the manufacturing, processing, use, and distribution of N-(1,3-Dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine ("6PPD"), CASRN 793-24-8, for and in tires under EPA's [Toxic Substances Control Act] Section 6(a) authority, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(a), with such regulation to take effect as soon as practicable, in order to eliminate the unreasonable risk 6PPD in tires presents to the environment."

Your petition has been filed pursuant to section 21 for the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and, as required under this section, EPA will either grant or deny the portions of your petition eligible for TSCA section 21 within 90 days of the date we received your petition (i.e., by October 30, 2023).

If EPA grants your petition, then the Agency will promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. If EPA denies your petition in whole or in part, then the Agency will publish the reasons for denial in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions relating to your petition or the EPA's guidelines for TSCA section 21 petitions, feel free to contact Thomas Groeneveld of my staff at (202) 566-1188 or [groeneveld.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:groeneveld.thomas@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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