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Dear Ms. Watson:

I am writing to confirm that on January 4, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your petition, submitted on behalf of the State of Washington's Department of Ecology, requesting that EPA "initiate rulemaking to safeguard public health against polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in consumer products," and, more specifically:

- Commence rulemaking to reassess limits on allowable inadvertent PCBs found in consumer products;
- Adopt a new rule that identifies use of pigments containing PCBs as a "use" of PCBs; and
- In collaboration with state and tribal governments:
  - Establish new, lower limits on allowable inadvertent PCBs in consumer products;
  - Establish priority consumer products that will be subject to lower allowable limits of inadvertent PCBs at an earlier date; and
  - Reassess limits on all allowable PCBs found in commercial products and establish a rulemaking schedule for adoption of revised regulations.

Your petition has been filed pursuant to section 21 of 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 April 3, 2024).

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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