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Hello,

My name is Margaret Babayan, and I would like to submit comments regarding the draft WQS proposal.

I am writing to express my support of raising the fish consumption rate to a more realistic and protective level of 175g/day, however, would like to express my concern about a risk of one in one hundred thousand. I rely on fish as a protein source, and know that other Washingtonians enjoy fish more than once a month. Asian and Pacific Islander Communities and First Nations populations consume more fish than even an average WA resident, making this issue one of human rights and health equity. For tribal populations living within the borderlines that now outline the State of Washington, the right to subsistence is synonymous with and simultaneously dependent upon the preservation of unique treaty-reserved rights to fish. A risk of one in one million with a fish consumption rate of 175g/day would better protect vulnerable populations, respect tribal rights to fish, and move WA closer toward health equity.

Thank you,
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