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Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

We are writing to call your attention to the problem of toxic chemicals in Washington.

We came together in September 2012 at the request of then Department of Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant as a diverse group of government, business, and non-governmental leaders to discuss this issue of toxic chemical management. Our goal was to transcend our typical legal and political silos to look for creative new approaches to toxics that offer better environmental and economic outcomes. This paper outlines our sense of the challenge, offers some principles for action, and describes our ideas for how to move forward.

Our quality of life in Washington depends on a healthy environment and a robust economy – each of us, regardless of perspective, depends on and deserves both. Our current regime for addressing toxic chemical releases fails us on both counts. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to do better.

We hope you will continue the dialogue about how to put these ideas into practice, and work with us to reduce exposures to toxic chemicals in Washington. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further.

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