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Senators Capito and Whitehouse, Representatives Guthrie and Pallone --

The undersigned organizations representing communities across the U.S. experiencing the health and environmental effects of exposure to dangerous chemicals urge you to stand with families and communities and reject any attempt to reopen the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the principal U.S. statute to assure the safety of chemicals.

We understand that the chemical lobby is pressuring members to reopen TSCA and weaken the protections it provides. Doing so would directly undermine public health protections and erase much of the progress our nation has made to shield people from dangerous chemicals.

Dismantling TSCA's health protections would be a historic step backward in protecting Americans from unsafe chemicals that contaminate our food, drinking water, consumer products, air and soil.

Congress strengthened TSCA in 2016 with overwhelming bipartisan support. After four decades of inaction, the amended law finally gave the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority and responsibility to regulate and ban substances long known to threaten the health of workers, consumers and families. Since 2016, EPA has acted on high-hazard substances like asbestos, methylene chloride and trichloroethylene that leading scientists have found cause cancer, birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious diseases for decades.

Before the 2016 amendments, EPA allowed chemical companies to introduce hundreds of new chemicals, including Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), into commerce without the safeguards necessary to prevent widespread human exposure. We have seen how the hundreds of PFAS that EPA greenlighted have polluted our drinking water, air, and soil, and continue to build up in our bodies and threaten the health of millions of people. It would be a tragic mistake to turn back the clock and restore a weak and ineffective chemical safety program that failed to prevent this public health catastrophe.

There is more need than ever for strong protections from toxic chemicals. The U.S. continues to see an alarming rise in chronic disease linked to chemical exposure and other environmental factors. While thousands of chemicals can be found in our workplaces, homes, schools and the environment, very few have been independently studied or assessed, or restricted to protect health or the environment. Vulnerable groups like infants, children, pregnant women, workers, the elderly and fence-line communities are both more susceptible to chemical hazards and woefully unprotected.

Beyond the EPA's work, many states have taken the lead in protecting their residents from harmful chemicals—restricting PFAS, toxic flame retardants, harmful plasticizers, and heavy metals. These state-level efforts have already driven industry-wide changes and strengthened public health protections. Reopening TSCA would threaten these hard-won gains and jeopardize states' ability to regulate on behalf of their citizens, especially given the chemical lobby's push to preempt state local regulation.

At a time when we must do more to protect our communities from chemical threats, we should not go backward.

We urge that you stand strong against any weakening of TSCA and fight for an effective national program that delivers strong public health protections to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Alaska

Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Arizona

Don't Waste Arizona

Stop Waste Tucson

Tucson Environmental Justice Task Force

California

350 Bay Area Action

ANA\California

California Nurses for Environmental Health and Justice

Californians Against Waste

Clean Water Action California

Good Neighbor Steering Committee of Benicia

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles (PSR-LA)

San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air

South Bay Open Space Task Force

Sunflower Alliance

The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

Valley Improvement Projects (VIP)

Colorado

Americans for Conservation + the Arts

CASE -- Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood

Climate Reality Project Northern Colorado Chapter

Colorado Jewish Climate Action

Colorado Voters for Animals

Eco-Cycle

FoCo Trash Mob

Healthy Air and Water Colorado

Love 4 Nature

Table to Farm Compost

Wind and Solar Denver

Connecticut

CCAG Connecticut Citizen Action Group

Clean Water Action Connecticut

Delaware

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Florida

Earth Ethics, Inc.

Hawaii

350Hawaii

Illinois

Climate Reality Project Chicago Metro Chapter

Elevate

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

Illinois Audubon Society

Illinois Environmental Council

Kifcure

League of Women Voters - Illinois

Oak Park Climate Action Network (OPCAN)

Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois

Indiana

Heartwood

Valley Watch, Inc

Kentucky

Beyond Plastic Louisville

Louisiana

Micah Six Eight Mission

Massachusetts

Clean Water Action, Massachusetts Office

Diane Cotter Firefighter PFAS Activist

Friends of the Presumpscot River

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility

Maryland

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group

Blue Water Baltimore

Clean Water Action

Climate Communications Coalition

Climate Reality Greater Maryland

Elders Climate Action Maryland

Indivisible HoCoMD

Locust Point Community Garden

Maryland Catholics for Our Common Home

Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU)

Safe Skies Maryland

ShoreRivers

Sugarloaf Citizens Association

Sussex Health & Environmental Network

Maine

Defend Our Health

Friends of Casco Bay

Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Maine Conservation Voters

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

Maine Rivers

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network

Maine Youth for Climate Justice

Royal River Alliance

Michigan

Ecology Center

Great Lakes PFAS Action Network

Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action

Michigan League of Conservation Voters

Minnesota

Beyond Plastics Mankato Area

Clean Water Action Minnesota
Coalition for Plastic Reduction
Elder Climate Action Twin cities
Eureka Recycling
Minnesota Environmental Partnership
Minnesota Zero Waste Coalition
Northeast Metro Climate Action
Vadnais Heights Green Team

Montana

Montana Environmental Information Center

New Hampshire

Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water

New Jersey

Beyond Plastics New Jersey
Clean Water Action New Jersey
Monmouth Beach Environmental Commission
New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance

New Mexico

Clean Air for All Now!
El Valle De La Cieneguila Land Grant
Association

New York

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
Clean+Healthy
Concerned Citizens of Allegany County, NY
Environmental Advocates NY
Fossil Free Tompkins
Hopewell Junction Citizens for Clean Water
Learning Disabilities Association of New York
State
Made Safe
Mothers' Rebellion
New York League of Conservation Voters
New York Progressive Action Network
New York Public Interest Research Group
(NYPIRG)
New York Sustainable Business Council
Newburgh Clean Water Project
Otsego County Conservation Association
PfoaProject NY
Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim Crow
Environmental Committee
Sanctuary Woods
Seneca Lake Guardian
Stop Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Stop The Minisink Compressor Station
Sustainable Finger Lakes
United For Clean Energy
Zero Waste Ithaca

North Carolina

Cape Fear River Watch
Carolina Advocates for Climate, Health, and
Equity
Center for Human Health and the
Environment- NC State University
Clean Cape Fear

North Carolina Conservation Network
Toxic Free North Carolina

Ohio

Between the Waters
Community Earth Alliance
SOBE Concerned Citizens

Oregon

Beyond Toxics
Emily Doyle Design
Gaudino Consulting with the OHSU-PSU &
UW Schools Of Public Health
Living River Healing Arts
Oregon Environmental Council
Self & Soul
University Park Neighborhood Association

Pennsylvania

350 Pittsburgh
Beaver County Marcellus Awareness
Community (BCMAC)
Concerned Health Professionals of
Pennsylvania
McKean County Green Party
Move Past Plastic (MPP)
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pennsylvania
Pittsburghers Against Single Use Plastic

Rhode Island

Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund,
Rhode Island
Providence Streets Coalition

Texas

Air Alliance Houston
Bayou City Waterkeeper
Coastal Watch Association
Fenceline Watch
Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
Turtle Island Restoration Network

Vermont

Vermont Conservation Voters
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Vermont PFAS/Military Poisons Coalition
Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Washington

Afghan Health Initiative
Alphabet Alliance of Color
Friends of the San Juans
Orca Network
Puget Soundkeeper
Pursue PFAS Free
Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition
West Plains Water Coalition (Spokane WA)
Whale Scout

Wisconsin

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
(CSWAB)

Clean Water Action Council of Northeast
Wisconsin
Healthy Climate Wisconsin
Middle Wisconsin
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
River Alliance of Wisconsin
Save Our Water
Wisconsin Environmental Health Network

Regional

Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action
Healthy Gulf
Mukwa
Openlands
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter
Southern Environmental Law Center
Waterkeepers Chesapeake

National

AAUW
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Friends Service Committee
American Sustainable Business Network
Beyond Plastics
Bird Conservation Network
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
BYO - US Reduces
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Environmental Justice and
Children's Health
Center for Progressive Reform
Center for Public Environmental Oversight
Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Children's Environmental Health Network
Clean Air Council
Clean Beauty for Black Girls
Clean Water Action
CleanEarth4Kids.org
Community Action Works
Consumer Reports
Deignan Institute for Earth and Spirit at Iona
University
Dryden Solutions
Earthjustice Action
Earthkeeper Health Resources
EDF Action
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Protection Network
Environmental Working Group
FracTracker Alliance

FreshWater Accountability Project
Friends of Animals
Friends of the Earth
GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator
Alternatives)
GMOScience
Green Science Policy Institute
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Habitable
Healthy Babies Bright Futures
Hip Hop Caucus
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy
Program
International Campaign for Responsible
Technology
Just Zero
League of Conservation Voters
Mi Familia en Acción
Military Poisons
Moms Clean Air Force
Mothers Out Front
National Association of Pediatric Nurse
Practitioners
National PFAS Contamination Coalition
National Stewardship Action Council
NRDC
Ocean Conservation Research
Oil and Gas Action Network
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Peak Plastic Foundation
People and Pollinators Action Network
Pesticide Action and Agroecology Network
Plastic Pollution Coalition
Program for Global Public Health and the
Common Good, Boston College
Progressives for Climate
Public Citizen
Safer States
Science and Environmental Health Network
Sierra Club
Slingshot
Society of Latinx Nurses
Stand Up for Science
Stand.earth
The Center for Engagement Environmental
Justice and Health
The Story of Stuff Project
Toxic Free Future
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic
Community
Waterspirit
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
Weaving Voices for Health & Justice