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Dear friends,

We are reaching out to you as active scientists involved in PFAS science and who share our concern about the risks. With a new Administration taking office, we are expecting a heightened focus on this chemical class and we believe the perspective of knowledgeable scientists will be valuable to decision makers and government experts. We hope you will consider joining us by signing the attached letter to the incoming administrator of the Biden EPA. There is a link at the end of the attached letter that will allow you to input your information if you wish to sign. If you have specific questions about this letter, please contact Ruthann Rudel (Rudel@SilentSpring.org).

We are planning to send the letter in early February so we are requesting a response by February 12.

The letter underscores the urgency of addressing PFAS threats to health and the environment and proposes new initiatives supported by sound science. Specifically, the letter recommends a class-based approach to PFAS regulation, elimination of non-essential uses, and a moratorium on approvals of new PFASs. The letter also asks EPA to require *in vivo* toxicity testing and human studies that will support a class-based regulatory approach and help validate *in vitro* approaches. Finally, the letter urges the agency to grant a [recent TSCA test petition](#) that would require Chemours to conduct toxicity testing on 54 PFAS discharged from their Fayetteville, NC, facility. These discharges have resulted in decades-long contamination of 300,000 residents whose air, food, and drinking water were affected.

Thanks for considering this request and please feel free, no I encourage you, to share it with other PFAS scientists in your own network.

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