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Dear Dr. Freedhoff,

We urge you to take the first step in the process required under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to ban vinyl chloride. Vinyl chloride, the building block of PVC plastic, is a known human carcinogen. Burning vinyl chloride may create and release dioxins. These persistent organic pollutants can cause cancer and disrupt the hormonal, reproductive, developmental, and immune systems. There is no safe level of exposure to vinyl chloride. high exposure may lead to headaches, dizziness and difficulty breathing and severe exposure can be fatal.

Vinyl chloride is also often produced in low-income communities and communities of color — a clear violation of environmental justice. In 1974, the Consumer Product Safety Commission banned its use as an aerosol in consumer products, and the Food and Drug Administration banned its use in cosmetics.

We do not want to see another East Palestine toxic train disaster occur. It is within your authority to act and we are counting on you to protect public health and the environment.

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