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Hon. John Baird, Minister of Environment
Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry
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Honourable Ministers,

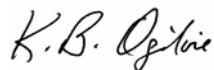
Re: Canada's Budget: Investing in Children's Environmental Health

The Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment (CPCHE) and the Canadian Chemical Producers Association (CCPA) have spent the past year in a multistakeholder dialogue about environmental risks to children's health.

We wish to highlight for you two areas of strong agreement among our organizations that emerged during the dialogue. These include the need for secure federal funding in two crucial areas of health research and surveillance: human biomonitoring and a longitudinal research study of children. We wish to jointly recommend the inclusion of the following measures in the upcoming federal budget:

- 1. Continue and expand the Canada Health Measures Survey to ensure cyclical collection of key information relevant to the health of Canadians, and human biomonitoring results in a representative sample of the population, including children under six years of age.**
- 2. Allocate funds for scientific research capacity both internally to the federal government and via additional funds to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research so that Canada can conduct long term longitudinal research into environmental factors affecting children's health.**

Yours very truly,



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Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
Canadian Child Care Federation
Canadian Environmental Law Association
Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
Ontario College of Family Physicians
Ontario Public Health Association
Pollution Probe
Environmental Health Clinic, Women's College Hospital
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