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RE: Principles for Safe, Healthy, Responsible and Toxic-Free Retail

Dear Mr. Scott and Mr. Ruben:

Over the past decades, thousands of toxic or untested chemicals have been used in the products sold in major retail stores and have been placed in workers' and communities' environments during the production and disposal of products sold in these stores. We believe the time has come for major retailers to take serious action to address the dangers that these toxic chemicals pose to consumers, workers and communities around the globe.

Our organizations have therefore signed the attached "Principles for Safe, Healthy, Responsible and Toxic-Free Retail," calling on Wal-Mart and other major retailers to act in a morally responsible way by phasing out toxic chemicals.

Specifically, we urge Wal-Mart to protect the health and safety of consumers and workers and communities here and abroad by minimizing and eventually eliminating toxic chemicals in the products sold in your stores and in the extraction, production, transport, and disposal of those products. We believe that removing toxics from consumer products and production processes cannot be effectively undertaken with a piecemeal approach, but rather must be done in a comprehensive manner and throughout the supply chain.

We call on you to ensure that these principles are fully and effectively implemented by Wal-Mart throughout the supply chain and that any outcomes are subject to monitoring and verification by independent, third-party monitors.

We believe that, by taking these actions to phase out dangerous chemicals, retailers can place themselves on the cutting edge of toxics policy, avoid legal and financial liabilities, and foresee and quickly adopt future regulation.

We look forward to receiving your response to the attached principles by December 15, 2006. We plan to educate consumers about Wal-Mart's plans to implement these principles and phase out toxic chemicals. Please convey your response to David Waskow at Friends of the Earth at (202) 222-0716 or dwaskow@foe.org.

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