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Dear Administrator Wheeler, Assistant Administrator Dunn, and Acting Director Hartman,

As members of communities in states across the country impacted by trichloroethylene (TCE), we are requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hold one or more public meetings to give us and other communities affected by this chemical a chance to share our deep concerns about TCE and the EPA’s draft risk evaluation of the chemical under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

TCE is a known human carcinogen that threatens the health of workers, consumers, and the millions of Americans whose water, air and land are contaminated by the chemical. Every year, over 170 million pounds of TCE are produced in or imported to the US for a broad range of uses, from refrigerant manufacturing to dry cleaning and laundry.

Over three years ago, after evaluating the health risks of certain uses of TCE, EPA determined those uses should be banned to protect worker and public health. The current administration stalled these bans, and eventually abandoned them, instead deciding – without explanation – to reevaluate these high risk uses as part of a years-long process currently underway. Beyond the delay, we are concerned that this process will ultimately fail to protect public health. In the recently released draft risk evaluation for TCE, EPA has underestimated the danger the chemical poses by ignoring major sources of exposure faced by the public and vulnerable communities and has also discounted findings from important studies on the developmental effects of early-life exposures to TCE.

Our families and our communities are among those that have been significantly impacted by TCE. We are concerned that, if finalized as drafted, this evaluation would lead to inadequate public health protections from this toxic chemical – leaving communities across the country still at risk of harm.

Only a public forum will provide the necessary opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions of the agency and engage in critical dialogue on EPA’s draft risk evaluation.
We – the undersigned – are calling on EPA to convene at least one meeting for the general public to have a chance to directly engage the agency within the comment period for the draft risk evaluation. We ask that you respond to our request within 2 weeks (by March 19) and provide enough advance notice of the meeting details to allow as many members of affected communities as possible to make the needed work and travel arrangements to attend.

Our families are counting on you.

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