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Commissioner Larry Hartig  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
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Dear Commissioner Hartig,

As you are probably aware, landmark legislation to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) was introduced today in Congress. To date, thirteen states have voiced their support for this legislation through a statement of principles for reform of TSCA. We were disappointed to learn that Alaska is *not* currently among them. We are calling upon you, as Commissioner of DEC, to join other states in supporting this important public health legislation.

The “Safer Chemicals Act of 2010” will overhaul federal regulations of the chemical industry for the first time in 34 years. This legislation is long overdue and is necessary to protect Alaskans, especially developing children, from the harmful effects of many commonly used industrial chemicals.

Alaska Community Action on Toxics, a statewide non-profit public interest environmental health research and advocacy organization strongly supports the federal legislation. We are a member of the Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families national coalition of 200 organizations representing more than 11 million people including parents, health professionals, advocates for learning and developmental disabilities, reproductive health advocates, environmentalists and businesses all working to pass this legislation.

We look forward to working with our partners and with members of Congress to strengthen and pass the Safer Chemicals Act of 2010. We hope to work with state agencies, specifically the Department of Environmental Conservation, to make sure the needs of Alaskans are addressed in the bill.

We ask for your leadership and support of the Safer Chemicals Act of 2010. We believe a public statement of support would demonstrate that the DEC is working hard to protect the health and subsistence traditions of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Pam Miller  
Executive Director

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