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Dear Drs. Lanphear and Walker and Ms. Phipps:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 16, 2014, concerning the use of triclosan.

As part of the Chemicals Management Plan run jointly by Environment Canada and Health Canada, our government has reviewed triclosan for human health and environmental risks. The preliminary assessment indicates that the amount of triclosan that is released into the environment can affect plants and animals in lakes, rivers and streams. This preliminary assessment was published for public comment in March 2012, and we have also published a proposed risk management scope for triclosan. Since then, we have been gathering further information on use patterns of triclosan to get a better understanding of the sources of this chemical in the environment, as well as new data on the fate, toxicity and presence of triclosan in humans and the environment. The revised assessment that considers this new information is expected to be completed this year.

For more details on triclosan, please visit the Chemicals Management Plan website at www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/fact-fait/glance-bref/triclosan-eng.php.

I appreciate being made aware of your views. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment

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