Dear U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

I support clean water and urge the agency to quickly finalize the proposed rule because it:

1. Sets more stringent limits on the amount of toxic pollutants allowed in Washington waters—in the case of PCBs, a highly toxic carcinogen, the proposed rule sets a limit that is 25 times more protective;
2. The proposed rule accounts for the amount of fish that people in Washington actually eat in setting protective limits.

EPA can still do more to ensure critical human health protections and the wellbeing of all Washington communities by developing criteria for PFAS and PAHs and issuing stronger criteria for dioxin.

The EPA needs to make decisions on public policy based upon the most accurate and reliable science-based information. The EPA admits its own decisions on the 2019 and 2020 changes were "not based on a sound scientific rationale. Since the EPA is responsible for protecting Americans from toxic and harmful pollutants, I urge you to support toxin limits in Washington waters by reinstating the pre-Trump Washington human health criteria water quality standards.

Thank you for moving forward with reinstating the pre-Trump Washington human health criteria water quality standards.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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