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Minneapolis, MN 55414

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Mr. Hubert Joly, CEO
Best Buy Corporate Campus
7601 Penn Ave. South, Richfield, MN 55423

Dear Mr. Joly:

We are writing on behalf of Healthy Legacy, a 37-member public health coalition, to urge Best Buy to take a stand against toxic chemicals in consumer products. Such action will help reduce the suffering caused by chronic diseases and health conditions like cancer, reduced fertility, and developmental disabilities that are linked to chemical exposure.

Healthy Legacy represents over 1.2 million Minnesota consumers, including parents, faith communities, public health professionals, health affected groups and others. A list of coalition members is enclosed. We promote healthy lives by supporting the production and use of everyday products that do not contain toxic chemicals. Healthy Legacy has mobilized citizens across the state to advocate for safer children's products and was the force behind the first statewide ban of the hormone disrupting chemical bisphenol A (BPA) in baby bottles and sippy cups.

Healthy Legacy was instrumental in passing the Toxic Free Kids Act (TFKA) of 2009. This law established a framework for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to identify the hundreds of toxic chemicals found in everyday products designed for children. The Minnesota Health Department has identified nine priority chemicals in children's products and all of these chemicals are included on the Hazardous 100+ list. Healthy Legacy promotes green chemistry as an upstream approach to safer products and processes through the Minnesota Green Chemistry Forum. (www.greenchemistrymn.org) Using safer chemicals makes sense for our economy, our health, and our environment.

We applaud Best Buy's action to eliminate polyvinyl chloride and other plastics from your Exclusive Brands packaging and your strong electronics recycling program. However there is still so much more that can be done. A more comprehensive plan of action is needed if Best Buy is to truly address chemicals like phthalates, cadmium, deca-BDE, and formaldehyde that have been named Priority Chemicals in Minnesota, and the dozens of others that have been identified by authoritative government agencies around the world.

We understand that you received a letter from *Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families*, asking Best Buy to “Mind the Store” and develop a public plan to reduce, eliminate, or safely substitute the Hazardous 100+ Chemicals of High Concern from the products you sell. We encourage you to engage and respond, and to do all you can to protect human health and the environment from dangerous chemicals in everyday consumer products.

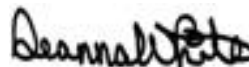
We are involved in a workshop that will highlight tools and resources for businesses as they embark on initiatives to reduce chemical hazards coming up on January 15, 2014 in Minneapolis, entitled *Safe Products, Made Safely: Green Chemistry Tools for Business*. More information on this workshop will be available at www.greenchemistrymn.org.

In closing, we request a meeting, to include a representative of Mind the Store, with Best Buy representatives at your earliest convenience to discuss the Mind the Store campaign and the Hazardous100+ list. As one of the largest retailers in the country, Best Buy has the opportunity to make substantial improvements in public health and safety. We are available to assist you in those efforts.

Sincerely,



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