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To: Cosmetics Store Managers and Sales Associates

RE: Remove Chemicals Linked to Cancer and Birth Defects from Cosmetics and Sign the Compact for Safe Cosmetics

Dear Store Manager or Sales Associate,

I have recently discovered that many cosmetics products that I use regularly contain toxic chemicals linked to cancer, birth defects and other health problems. There are no limits imposed by the FDA for chemicals in cosmetics and no regulation of their health effects. In fact, 89% of ingredients used in products we use every day have not been tested for safety.

An average person may use as many as 25 different cosmetics products in a day. Up to 70% of what is applied to the skin is believed to be absorbed into the body. According to recent studies by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hazardous chemicals are building up in all of our bodies, and diseases linked to chemicals - including breast cancer, testicular cancer and reproductive problems - are on the rise.

Products we use on our bodies should be safe for our health and that of our families. The good news is that many forward thinking cosmetics companies have signed the Compact for Safe Cosmetics, a pledge to phase out toxic chemicals from their products and replace them with safer alternatives. More than 100 cosmetics companies have already made this commitment and more are joining every day. Find out more about the Compact at www.safecosmetics.org.

However, numerous companies represented in your store have refused to sign the Compact and have actively lobbied against safe cosmetics legislation in California.

As a concerned customer, I urge you to contact the company you represent and ask them to make a commitment to health, product safety, and the planet by signing the Compact for Safe Cosmetics. I also ask that you ask these companies to cease lobbying against important legislation that aims to protect our health as Estee Lauder, L'Oreal, Unilever, Procter & Gamble, Avon, Mary Kay Cosmetics, OPI Nails, Dial Corporation, Johnson & Johnson and others recently did against safe cosmetics legislation in California. Please contact the company you represent and let them know that your customers have contacted you about these concerns.

I would like a response, in writing within two weeks of today, updating me on your company's commitment to the Compact for Safe Cosmetics. If your company makes this commitment to our health, customers like myself will respond with our confidence and our loyalty. I want to keep shopping at your store, so please act on this request today!

Sincerely,

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