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Hi all

Jennifer just reached out to me about this to see where we were on it. I've added Tim, Annette and Beth as an FYI.

I don't see a role here for SHC but possibly she shared with me due to the cumulative discussions, so happy to engage if needed. Or maybe just because it is from 'another' Maureen…

Feel free to follow-up with Jennifer, Chris F directly but happy to be kept in the loop if useful.

Thanks

Maureen

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Maureen, can you say where we are on this?

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Hello Dr. Freedhoff and Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

I wanted to follow up on this scientific letter regarding cumulative risk assessment of the ortho-phthalates prioritized for evaluation under TSCA.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you soon to discuss this with you and your staff. From our end, meeting participants would include several of the researchers who signed the letter, along with several other members of Project TENDR with relevant expertise.

Thank you for considering our request for a meeting. We look forward to talking with you.

Best regards,
Maureen

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**Subject:** Project TENDR scientific letter on phthalates risk assessment

Hello Dr. Freedhoff and Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

I co-direct Project TENDR, an alliance of scientists, health professionals, and advocates working to prevent exposures to toxic chemicals harmful to child brain development. I'm sending the

attached letter on behalf of a group of TENDR researchers with expertise on phthalate health risks and cumulative risk assessment. They write to urge the EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics to take a cumulative risk approach to the seven ortho-phthalates undergoing risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Our scientists would be glad to meet with you and your staff to discuss this approach, which we firmly believe is critical to protecting potentially exposed or susceptible sub-populations including pregnant women and children.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We would be pleased to discuss this information and recommendation with you and your staff.

Best regards,
Maureen Swanson

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