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Dear Ms. Madray and Co-Signatories:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 2017, regarding your comments on the proposed Microbeads in Toiletries Regulations.

Recognizing the concerns of Canadians about the effects of microbeads on waterways and fish, the Government of Canada is moving forward to prohibit microbeads in toiletries under its Chemicals Management Plan.

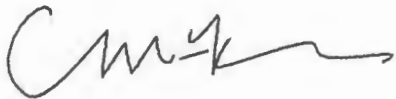
I appreciate receiving your comments. Like all comments received during the public comment period, these will be taken into consideration in preparing the final regulations. In addition, a response to comments summary will be made available once the final regulations are published.

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For further information on the Government of Canada's actions on microbeads, please visit www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-proche/microb-eng.php.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.