## **Campaign for Healthier Solutions**

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Dear Dollar General Store Manager,

We are concerned community members and local customers delivering this letter to express our concern for products made with toxic chemicals that you sell.

**Dollar General has been aware of harmful chemicals in its products for over 10 years and has failed to take appropriate action to remove them.** The Campaign for Healthier Solutions has found indicators of phthalates in <u>child headbands</u>, and other harmful plasticizers in <u>children's toys</u>, BPA and/or BPS in <u>receipts</u>, <u>cookware and can linings</u>, and PFAS in <u>cookware and popcorn</u> bags sold at Dollar General. These chemicals are linked to various health conditions like cancer, learning disabilities, and reproductive harm.

While Dollar General has published a policy restricting some chemicals and reports to the Chemical Footprint Project - it stalls to ensure safeguards for stopping toxic chemicals getting on store shelves from other suppliers. Meanwhile, even companies like Walmart are making progress working with external suppliers to eliminate harmful products headed for the shelf.

**Dollar General must take better care of its customers and employees** by doing the following:

- **Transparently report out progress** in removing PFAS, BPA, lead, phthalates and other harmful chemicals from its private-label products.
- Commit to work with its suppliers to prevent toxic chemicals in products sold on Dollar Tree shelves.
- **Expand its chemical policy** to cover more categories of products and more chemicals known to cause harm;
- Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to it's employees, especially gloves and masks for air borne susceptible chemicals in products
- Make locally grown foods and products more available for sale.
- Meet with our Campaign leadership to continue to create better solutions.

Sincerely,

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