

Campaign for Healthier Solutions

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Dear Family Dollar Store Manager,

We are concerned community members and local customers delivering this letter to express concern over products made with toxic chemicals at your store.

This is our eighth year of working to inform Family Dollar of harmful chemicals in its products and yet they have failed to take appropriate action to remove them.

The Campaign for Healthier Solutions shows lab results detecting chemicals like lead in **tablecloths, jewelry, and baby toys**, phthalates in school supplies, **silly straws and bath toys**, BPA in **receipts, cookware and can linings**, and PFAS in **popcorn bags** sold at Dollar Tree. This year, it was made public that Dollar Tree knowingly kept lead-contaminated apple sauce on its shelves for months, where families like ours could buy it and feed it to our families. These chemicals are linked to serious health diseases like cancer, learning disabilities, and reproductive harm.

While Family Dollar claims to have eliminated many of these chemicals from its private-label products, it has refused to work with its suppliers to eliminate them from all of the products on store shelves. Meanwhile, even as Walmart has made progress working with external suppliers to remove toxic chemicals from products.

Family Dollar 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;
- **Publish the results of its Chemical Footprint Project** survey;
- **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 its employees**, especially gloves and masks for air borne susceptible chemicals in products;
- **Make locally grown foods and products more available** for sale.

Sincerely,

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