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Dear Ms. Johnman and Ms. Zeinabova,

My name is Katie van der Sloot, and I wish to appear as a delegation before the Environmental Committee on February 9, 2016.

I wish to speak to the Environmental Committee about an timely and important manner. Environment Canada and Health Canada are due to release their Final Assessment on triclosan (the chemical additive in antibacterial products) any day now. Upon release of this document, the public will have 60 days to submit their comments on a risk management strategy for the chemical, triclosan.

Scientific evidence has cited many concerns over the chemical's safety. For example, science has pointed out triclosan's: toxicity to aquatic life, bioaccumulation potential, endocrine disrupting effects, contribution to cancer cell proliferation, and cross-resistance to antibiotics. In my presentation, I would like to briefly highlight these few examples, and challenge the committee to respond to this concerning evidence with a letter to the Ministers of Health and the Environment.

In said letter (I would draft), the committee would state their support for a risk management of triclosan which would ban it from personal and household products within Canada.

My presentation will include: a fact sheet for the committee to understand the issue, a sample letter to the Ministries, a sample resolution, and a powerpoint. I will require the necessary equipment to share my powerpoint with the Committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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