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Inclusion of PFAS and petrochemicals into a report on Critical Molecules and Critical Sites by the Critical Chemicals Alliance

Dear Commissioner President Von Der Leyen,
Dear Commission Vice-President Sejourné,
Dear Commissioner Roswall,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, are writing to you regarding the Critical Chemicals Alliance recently established by the Commission to boost the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of Europe's chemical industry.

Specifically, we are writing to you about the report prepared by the Alliance Working Group 1 on Critical Molecules and Critical Sites, which is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly on 8 October 2026.

We are concerned that 26 out of 49 molecules identified as critical by the report are PFAS or petrochemicals. We are equally concerned that the recommended support measures for industrial sites producing the identified critical molecules include cheaper access to all forms of energy, the right to emit additional CO₂ free of charge, less stringent pollution rules, and the ability to build industrial sites in nature-protected areas. For PFAS-producing sites, this would amount to massive support by authorities for the production of molecules that the EU is about to restrict.

Concerning EU's PFAS policy, the RAC adopted its final opinion on 2 March 2026 and supports the universal restriction, and the SEAC agrees in its draft opinion that a broad restriction is also necessary. Designating PFAS as "critical" molecules and recommending public support and regulatory relief for the sites that produce them would send the opposite message.

Providing such support to sites producing these molecules risks undermining the transition towards a cleaner and safer chemical industry and locking Europe into its costly and dangerous dependence on fossil fuel imports.

We therefore ask you to provide reassurance that:

1. **No PFAS or petrochemicals will be designated as critical, or benefit from any support or regulatory relief following this report;** and
2. **The Commission will thoroughly assess the proposed list of critical molecules and the associated support measures**, including their potential impacts on human health and the environment, as well as their compatibility with the EU's objectives on zero pollution, a non-toxic environment, climate neutrality, and biodiversity protection and restoration; and

3. **Any potential EU support measures will be limited to molecules and forms of support that are demonstrably compatible with these objectives**, and will not incentivise continued reliance on substances or production processes that are inconsistent with Europe's long-term environmental, climate and resilience goals.

We would appreciate your response ahead of the General Assembly's scheduled adoption of the report on 8 October 2026.

Best regards,

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