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Dear Sir,

I must applaud your company's recent decision to cease manufacture of polychlorinated biphenyls (PBCs). However, your hesitation at setting a date for the end of production can only be viewed as one more instance of setting aside public interests where profit is concerned.

It is already clear that any level of PBC is toxic to many life forms. The fish in the Hudson River have consumed far above any "allowable" level and will continue to do so until General Electric can no longer buy your product. The figures from a 1971 FDA survey show that a portion of seven ounces of fish in a persons diet can introduce 580% of an allowable daily intake for humans, if one were to agree that any intake were allowable.

I would urge your company to wait no longer and take positive steps towards stopping the flow of this poison into the environment.

Sincerely yours,
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