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Subject: Meeting request to discuss PFAS alternatives for lithium-ion batteries - October 2023

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Dear [REDACTED],

My name is [REDACTED] and I work at [#SustainablePublicAffairs](#), a consultancy that only works with sustainable alternative providers on business cases that we believe have a positive impact on the environment.

In this case we are working with providers of sustainable alternative to PFAS, for whom the PFAS restriction represents a major opportunity. One of them is [Nanoramic Laboratories](#), a company that manufactures PFAS-free electrodes for lithium-ion batteries.

In July, Nanoramic was identified as "some of the most relevant actors involved in the manufacturing and use of PFAS" and invited by Commissioner Sinkevičius to an informal roundtable on the PFAS restriction process. Unfortunately, we had to decline the invitation because it is very challenging for Nanoramic, as a sustainable frontrunner and SME, to be vocal without jeopardising (future) business relations!

Indeed, it is especially hard for smaller, disruptive, actors to speak up in the context of the PFAS restriction due to the interests at stake for the other, often much larger, actors who thrive off the status-quo. As such, we have noted a significant amount of comments to ECHA's ongoing consultation claiming there are no suitable alternatives for lithium-ion batteries, despite Nanoramic's technology being a suitable and available alternative.

We fear that the data collected by ECHA will be heavily biased in favour of the status quo, due to the challenges small sustainable innovators, like Nanoramic, are facing to participate in this process (commercial risk, fewer resources to organise input, etc.).

We believe it is important that policy makers are aware of PFAS alternatives and take the relevant evidence into account. We would therefore like to suggest a meeting with the CEO of Nanoramic, [REDACTED], who will be in Brussels from 9-12 October, to discuss how the voices of SMEs, providing alternatives, can be better heard throughout the restriction process.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

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