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Dockets Management Branch  
The Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23  
12420 Parklawn Dr.  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1  
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning-- The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may effect the health of many people, including people with asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products purchased and used by their parents, care givers and teachers.

I have asthma. When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I experience asthma and anaphylaxis symptoms including the swelling of my both my upper and lower

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airways, making it difficult for me to breathe, talk, and hear. When this happens, I have to seek emergency treatment and spend days and sometimes weeks trying to recover. I am forced to take medicines that are not good for my overall long-term health. Having to use my sick and vacation time to recover is not something I appreciate being forced to do. The loss of productivity to my employer is not trivial. These days more and more people are forced to share common air space while at work or at leisure and this issue has become very important. Breathing is not a trivial issue. This is not just a minor inconvenience. Breathing is an important life activity that truly can be compromised by chemicals in fragrances.

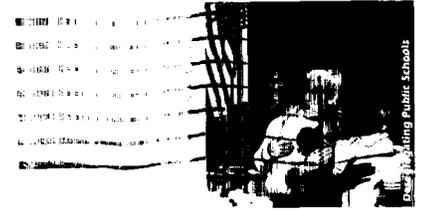
Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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