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July 22, 2026

Mr. Andy Jassy, Chairman and CEO
Amazon
325 9th Ave. N
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Jassy:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters on your platform. The sale of nitrous oxide on your platform presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

This accessibility has created an opportunity for abuse of a product that can lead to symptoms including headaches, nausea, vomiting, agitation, depression, psychosis, fainting, hypoxia, heart attack, nerve damage, hypotension, memory loss, muscle spasms, numbness, birth defects, paralysis, and even death. Additionally, small nitrous oxide canisters branded as “whip cream chargers” are often abused for non-culinary purposes.

Therefore, I urge Amazon to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

1. How many of your retailers currently sell canisters of nitrous oxide, including small “whip cream chargers?” What sizes of canisters are they selling?
2. If so, what steps is your business taking to verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate, legal purposes?
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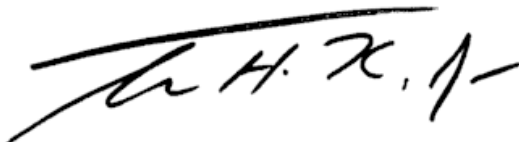
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Mr. H.R. Shah, CEO
Krauszer's

Dear Mr. Shah:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

This accessibility has created an opportunity for abuse of a product that can lead to symptoms including headaches, nausea, vomiting, agitation, depression, psychosis, fainting, hypoxia, heart attack, nerve damage, hypotension, memory loss, muscle spasms, numbness, birth defects, paralysis, and even death. Additionally, small nitrous oxide canisters branded as “whip cream chargers” are often abused for non-culinary purposes.

Therefore, I urge Krauszer's to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

1. How many of your retailers currently sell canisters of nitrous oxide, including small “whip cream chargers?” What sizes of canisters are they selling?
2. If so, what steps is your business taking to verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate, legal purposes?
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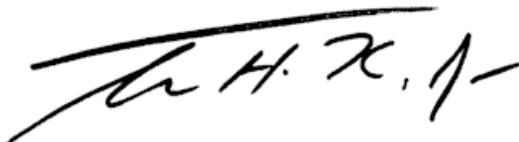
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Joe Kim, CEO
Sunoco
8111 Westchester Drive
Dallas, TX 75225

Dear Mr. Kim:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge Sunoco to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

1. How many of your retailers currently sell canisters of nitrous oxide, including small “whip cream chargers?” What sizes of canisters are they selling?
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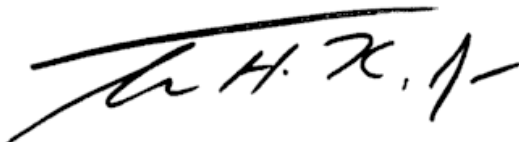
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July 22, 2026

Mrs. Colette Hirstius
Shell
1000 Main Street, Suite 1700
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mrs. Hirstius:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge Shell to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

1. How many of your retailers currently sell canisters of nitrous oxide, including small “whip cream chargers?” What sizes of canisters are they selling?
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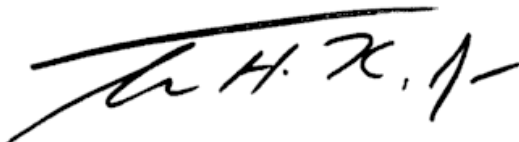
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July 22, 2026

Ms. Maryann Mannen, President and CEO
Marathon Petroleum Company
539 South Main Street
Findlay, OH 45840

Dear Ms. Mennen:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge Marathon and its subsidiary Arco to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

1. How many of your retailers currently sell canisters of nitrous oxide, including small “whip cream chargers?” What sizes of canisters are they selling?
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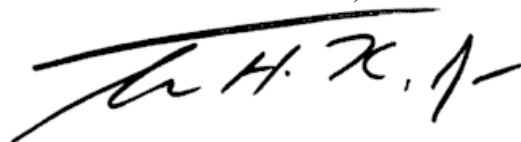
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Lane Riggs, CEO and President
Valero
1 Valero Way
San Antonio, TX 78249

Dear Mr. Riggs:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge Valero to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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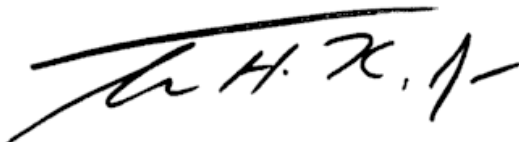
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Mark Lashier
The Phillips 66 Company
P.O. Box 421959
Houston, TX 77242

Dear Mr. Lashier:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge The Phillips 66 Company and its subsidiaries, 76 and Conoco to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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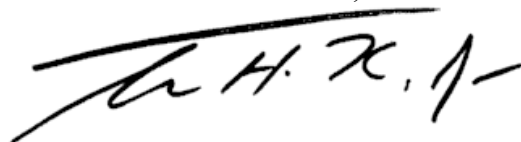
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Mr. Darren Woods, CEO
ExxonMobil
22777 Springwoods Village Parkway
Spring, TX 77389

Dear Mr. Woods:

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Therefore, I urge ExxonMobil to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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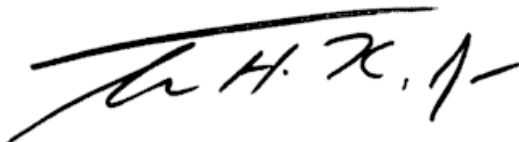
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July 22, 2026

Ms. Meg O'Neill, CEO
BP
501 Westlake Park Boulevard
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

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Therefore, I urge BP to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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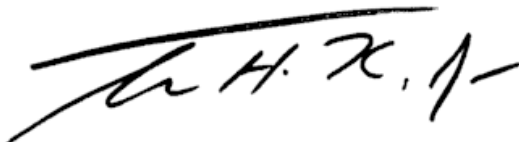
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Michael Wirth, Chairman and CEO
Chevron Corporation
1400 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Wirth:

The proliferation of nitrous oxide for recreational use through inhalation represents a serious danger to the American public, including unsuspecting minors. Media reports have highlighted the spread of these products and the harms they are causing in communities around the country.¹ Last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory, warning consumers not to inhale this product.² Yet, these products are sold at thousands of gas stations, smoke shops, and online retailers across the country. Even more concerning is the availability of flavored nitrous oxide canisters which are particularly appealing to children and have more limited legitimate uses. I have received reports from constituents and other concerned Americans about the availability of nitrous oxide canisters at your stores or on your platforms. The sale of nitrous oxide at your retailers presents a dangerous risk to the American public.

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Therefore, I urge Chevron and its subsidiary Texaco to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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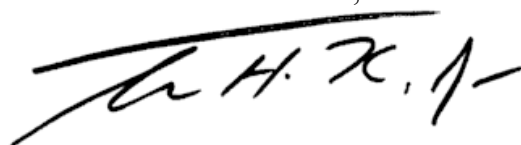
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Alex Miller, President and CEO
Circle K Stores, Inc.
1130 West Warner Road
Tempe, AZ 85284

Dear Mr. Miller:

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Therefore, I urge Circle K to take action to remove this product from retail sale until you can verify that purchasers are legitimate businesses using the product for legitimate purposes. We request your responses to the following questions regarding the sale of nitrous oxide through your stores or platforms:

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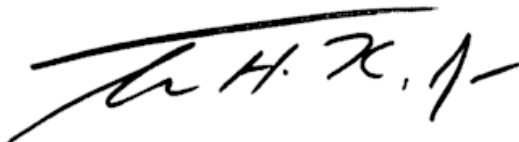
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Carlos Jordá, President and CEO
CITGO Petroleum Corporation
1293 Eldridge Parkway
Houston, TX 77077

Dear Mr. Jordá:

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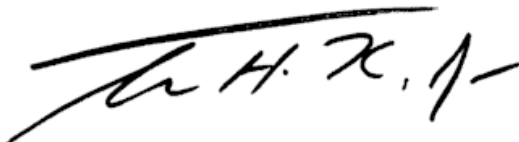
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Stan Reynolds, President
7-Eleven, Inc.
3200 Hackberry Road
Irving, TX 75063

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

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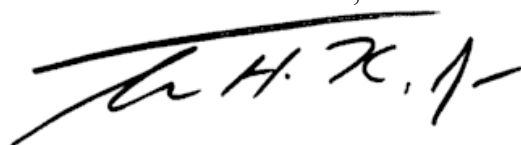
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July 22, 2026

Mr. Ben Amor, Founder
Cloud 9 Smoke & Vape Co.
P.O. Box 2630
Kennesaw, GA 30156

Dear Mr. Amor:

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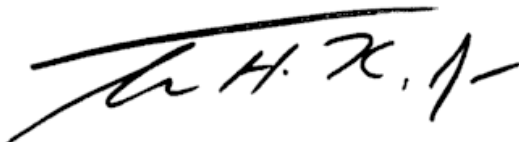
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