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Dear Minister Zartaj Gul Wazir,

I am extremely concerned about the risks that the hazardous air poses for the health and lives of the people in this Lahore.

The government's failure to adequately protect people from exposure to this air puts their human rights at risk, including their rights to health and life.

A 2018 World Health Organization report has shown that children are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of hazardous air, because of their developing lungs which require twice as much oxygen, and as a result are consistently falling sick because of the air they breathe. Life expectancy is already thought to be reduced by 5 years for the people living in Lahore as a result of the poor air quality.

Given the potentially devastating impacts of poor air quality on people's lives, health and human rights, we urge you take the following urgent steps to ensure that people in Lahore are protected from the impact of this hazardous air, including:

- o Ensure that the people of Lahore have access to correct information about the severity of the smog
- o Implement the recommendations of the court-appointed Smog Commission of Punjab, including the Punjab Clean Air Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,