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As a scientist who has devoted years of study and research to the problem of environmental factors and human health, I can endorse, without reservations, the contents of the enclosed letter from Paul Newman.

The public is just beginning to learn about the many contaminants in the environment that can be carcinogenic to humans. These health hazards are real and are supported by scientific studies showing that cancer, to a large extent, is an environmental disease.

We in the medical-scientific community are especially anxious for the public to know about the harmful substances in the environment and, importantly, that specific action be taken to limit the threats resulting from these dangerous pollutants.

It is, therefore, particularly appropriate for the Environmental Defense Fund to address itself to work in the area of direct action for cancer prevention.


