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## Toward Toxin-Free Kids' Products

Letter to the editor

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As a mother and nurse, it is my responsibility to protect my children, and be an advocate for the health of the public. HB 5354, An Act Concerning Children's Exposure to Chemicals, is an important step toward improving the health and safety of our children by identifying chemicals of concern that are used in the manufacturing of children's products.

Over the last few decades, there is a growing body of research that there are direct correlations to exposure of chemicals in products and the rise in disease. It is no coincidence that incidence is on the rise when umbilical cord analyses shows that U.S. babies are born with an average of 200 industrial chemicals (found in consumer products). Some of these chemicals are already known to be neurotoxic, carcinogenic and endocrine-disrupting. As a state, we would be remiss to ignore this.

My hope is that Connecticut will continue to champion legislation to protect children. I want to have the comfort of knowing that the products I use are safe because the Department of Public Health is reviewing the research and making the necessary recommendations for change.

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