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I was pleased to see the People's Pharmacy column [Feb. 5] on exposure to BPA from canned soups. BPA is used to make polycarbonate plastics, epoxy resin linings of food and beverage containers and as a component of thermal receipt paper. BPA is also a synthetic estrogen!

Scientific research links very low dose BPA exposure, particularly during critical windows of fetal development, to a staggering number of diseases including breast and prostate cancers, obesity, attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, altered development of the brain and immune systems, lowered sperm counts and early-onset puberty. The placenta does not protect a developing baby from exposure to toxic chemicals. Umbilical cord blood analyses document that babies are born with an average of over 200 synthetic chemicals in their bodies, including endocrine disruptors, pesticides, carcinogens and neurotoxins.

Connecticut has been a national leader in banning BPA from recyclable containers, infant formula containers and thermal receipt paper. But this is not enough! Connecticut should require labeling of all food packaging containing BPA and take meaningful steps to reduce exposure to chemicals.