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**COALITION FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY CT SAYS NOW IS THE TIME
TO REMOVE TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS**

HARTFORD -- Pointing to hundreds of moms, nurses and cancer survivors who descended on Washington D.C. to demand action on toxic chemicals and a recent series of articles in the Chicago Tribune on the Chemical Industry, the **Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut (CSHC)** today called on state and federal lawmakers for toxic chemical policy reform policies to protect children from the harmful effects of toxic chemicals found in many baby and children's products.

The National Stroller Brigade, which consisted of moms, nurses and cancer survivors from all over the nation, went to Washington to deliver 125,000 petition signatures to their Senators and rally in support of Senator Frank Lautenberg's (D-NJ) *Safe Chemicals Act*, a bill to overhaul the nation's antiquated and ineffective laws governing toxic chemicals. **Anne Hulick, RN, MSN, JD, CSHC Coordinator**, said that the Coalition sent a Connecticut mom to join the National Stroller Brigade in D.C. and that she was able to meet with staff from the offices of Senators Blumenthal and Lieberman as well as Congressman Himes.

"The hundreds who took our message to Washington recently are just a tiny percentage of the people who are concerned about toxic chemicals in products made and marketed for children and babies in our country," said **Hulick**, who added that the state came very close to passing its own landmark legislation (*Senate Bill 274 – An Act Concerning Chemicals of Concern to Children*) to protect Connecticut children from toxic chemical exposure this past Legislative Session. "We went up against the chemical and toy industry's mistruths and misleading "scientific evidence" and managed to prevail with support from leadership and rank and file members. We simply ran out of time in a short Legislative Session that was filled with some very complicated and weighty issues. I look forward to working with our state lawmakers next session to address this issue and protect citizens"

Hulick was referring to an investigative series by the Chicago Tribune, which exposed the chemical industry's deceptive lobbying tactics to protect toxic chemicals.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mobileweb/andy-igrejas/the-charade-is-over-tribu_b_1506978.html

“Real scientific data – not trumped up industry-funded studies – is on our side,” said **Hulick**. “With more and more evidence showing early origins of serious disease associated with toxic chemical exposure, comprehensive state and federal reform is needed in order to ensure stronger regulations to protect our kids, grandkids, and our families from health threats such as cancer, asthma, infertility, and developmental disabilities.”

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