

Dear [Senator Name],

As a consumer and parent I am writing to urge your support for the proposed reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act. This is an antiquated standard that does not adequately protect public health. Compared to previous generations, today's children have higher rates of serious health problems including allergies, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, birth defects, cancer, cryptorchidism, hypospadias, diabetes, and obesity. In hundreds of studies, such conditions have been connected to persistent, bioaccumulative, and/or toxic chemicals used in consumer products.

This law places the burden of proving a chemical is causing harm on EPA, rather than requiring chemical producers to prove their chemicals are safe. In addition, the law requires that EPA prove a chemical presents an "unreasonable risk." In practice, this standard has been impossible for EPA to meet—even asbestos cannot meet the required standard of proof to be banned.

Please co-sponsor the Safe Chemicals Act of 2011. This legislation will help reduce the public's exposure to toxic chemicals in everyday products by updating the Toxic Substances Control Act. This will require chemical manufacturers to develop submit toxicity and exposure information for all chemicals. This will improve the EPA's ability to protect human health from toxic chemicals and provide the necessary incentive for the chemical industry toward the development of safer chemicals.

Please show your leadership in protecting my family's health by co-sponsoring this critical legislation?

Thank you,
[Name and Contact Information]