

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF Joyce Acebo-Raguskus, BEFORE THE CONNECTICUT  
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:  
HB 6572 AND SB 919**

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We have gained knowledge and learned that using Bisphenol A (BPA) is linked to serious health effects in our children and infants. With this knowledge presented here today, I would ask if any of you would continue to use or give your child, infant, or any young ones an object to use, with knowledge that the toxic chemicals in the manufacturing is linked to serious physical, mental and emotional consequences. Or would you take heed, use caution and stop set aside such an item for a safer toy or baby bottle without potentially dangerous effects.

The F.D.A. has chosen to continue to expose our infants and children, rather than take action and use prevention and caution. Health Canada – FDA's counterpart has already taken regulatory action. The concern for effects on the brain, behavior and prostate gland in fetuses infants and children on exposure to BPA, as expressed by Dr. Carl Baum, Pediatrician & Medical Toxicologist at Yale New Haven Children's hospital where he directs the Center for Children's Environmental Toxicology knows too that children are being exposed and without their consent, as we speak and the infant or small child cannot...cannot metabolize BPA AS EFFECTIVELY AS ADULTS AND AT A MUCH EARLY STAGE LEACHES VIA CONTAMINATED PRODUCTS SUCH AS BABY BOTTLES AND INTO THEIR BODIES LINKING DAMAGE EARLY ON.

THIS IS OUR CALL.... WE CAN PREVENT THIS TOXIC CHEMICAL EXPOSURE BY SUPPORTING HB 6572. WE CANNOT COUNT ON THE CONSUMER FOR PROTECTION, WE MUST REGULATE.

AND CT needs to pass modern standards, new restrictions WITH SAFETY BENEFITS WITHOUT THE USE OF BROMINATED FLAME RETARDANTS...SUPPORT SB919 PHASING OUT THE USE OF PBDE's associated also with numerous health concerns, cancer, birth defects, thyroid disruption, hearing, learning and mental retardation.

NORTH AMERICA USED THE HIGHEST PBDE'S AND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE INDICATES PBDE'S RISING IN ALL OF US HERE AND IN THE BODIES AND IN ENVIRONMENTS AT TOO HIGH A RISK.

IT'S OUR CHARGE TO CLEAN UP OUR BODIES AND THOSE OF OUR CHILDREN AND SUPPORT THESE BILLS WITH NON TOXIC CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES.

THANK YOU.

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