

Rep. Fawcett, Kim

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Subject: RAISED BILL No. S.B. 791 AN ACT BANNING BISPHENOL A IN CERTAIN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS
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Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, and Members of the Environment Committee,

Please enter this letter into the official record of the hearing on Monday, which I will be unable to attend.

My name is Stacy Prince. I live at 5 Little Lane, Westport, CT 06880

You've heard from me before, so you know I am the parent of a cancer survivor, now 13. Having done a massive amount of reading on the topic of carcinogenicity, I am particularly concerned about chemical exposures that can -- and should -- be avoided in our environment. Of particular worry are exposures that take place in the first three years of life, when the body is growing at a very fast rate and taking in exponentially more toxins per pound than adults do.

Endocrine disruptors thus hit *my* radar eight years ago. You've heard the term "early adopter," referring to people who early see the benefit of new ideas and new products. I am an "early rejector," and our home as been as BPA-free as I could make it since I learned "the safe plastic" wasn't so safe at all.

With health care costs and cancer rates rising, Connecticut can ill-afford to keep letting manufacturers of toxic products off the hook by turning a blind eye. The most basic function of government is to keep its citizens safe -- most especially its children, who are too young be expected to protect themselves. BPA has no place in our consumer products, incinerators, or landfills, but let's start where it's most important: Keep it away from Connecticut's babies and toddlers.

Please pass S.B. 791.

Thank you.