

Written Testimony of Erika Correa
On behalf of The Learning Disabilities Association of Connecticut
Before the Connecticut General Assembly Select Committee on Children,
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Testimony in support of HB 5314 An Act Concerning Child Safe Products and Banning
Cadmium in Children's Products

Senator Musto, Representative Urban and members of the Select Committee on Children,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5134. I am a registered nurse, a parent, and
volunteer with the Learning Disabilities Association of Connecticut.

I am very concerned with the health of our community. We are all exposed to a wide
range of chemicals regularly. Many of these chemicals have been shown to be harmful.

**Even small exposures to some chemicals, such as cadmium, can cause learning and
developmental problems in children and developing fetuses.** Developmental and
learning disabilities are a heavy burden on our community and educational system.

I am proud to know that Connecticut has been a national leader in reducing
environmental exposure to mercury, lead and BPA. HB 5134 will allow us to take a
comprehensive approach to reducing children's exposure to high risk chemicals, while
also taking action on one of the most well-recognized toxic substances: cadmium. I have
met many parents who worry about what their children are exposure to, but find it
difficult keep track of what chemicals to avoid and how to avoid them. This bill will take
that responsibility off of individual parents and allow all of us to enjoy safer homes,
workplaces and environments.

I hope the Select Committee on Children with make passing HB 5134 a priority. I thank
you for your continued leadership in this area.

Sincerely,

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