

Written Testimony of Elizabeth Doody, Fairfield University School of Nursing, Before the Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee, March 1, 2010, Testimony in Support of:

**HB 5130**

Members of the Environment Committee, my name is Elizabeth Doody and my testimony is in support of HB 5130. I live in Fairfield, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you about this important issue. As a nursing student interested in environmental health as well as pediatrics, I believe that these house bills are extremely important. Although I am not a parent, I love working with children and also have two nieces and two nephews who I am very close to. Knowing that they may have been exposed to toxic chemicals in child products makes me extremely concerned for their health and development. Exposure to even small amounts of toxic chemicals can impact a child's ability to reach his or her full potential. Toys such as rubber duckies, a toy I know my nieces and nephews play with daily, are known to sometimes have cadmium in them. This can harm child development along with many other health risks. I want my nieces and nephews, as well as all children to live in a healthy environment without their health being in danger. Phasing out chemicals of concern can help us reach a healthier environment for children. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me.