

*****Testimony Before Select Committee on Children*****

House Bill 5218 AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS
IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

I, ardently support HB5218 AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

Again the infants, who are the most vulnerable because of their small and growing beings, are exposed to carcinogens and neurotoxicity as well as hormone disruption! These toxic villains are avoidable. There is no wonder that carcinoma in these little ones is on the rise. The human cell is continuously getting interrupted from it's healthy messaging system to do the right thing in building and growing healthy beautiful bodies, by human hands. Our place is to provide human protection, not invade the molecular DNA in the guise of protection...

Chlorinated Tris (TDCPP) is back, banned in 1970's from adverse health effects, it's back, in children's products, burning up healthy human cells in the most precious! This horrific toxic chemical villain has no place in the bodies of infants and in the prevention of childhood disease, that we have NO CURE! We have protective substances, not to mention that nature has provided yet again, cotton and wool, that are 'natural' flame retardants. When Einstein said our answers are all found in 'nature'... he was setting the ground work for discovery and life, not the destruction of life.

These fire retardants, especially TRIS, retard the very wonder of human cellular development into genetic mutation, feeding the growth of carcinogenic cells and serious irreversible endocrine messengers.

I urge immediate ban on such fire retardants in our children's products and support HB5218 a blanket of protection for the new little ones...and is our responsibility to health and safety of human life.

Thank you for all you do.

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