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**Subject:** RE: my testimony for SB 274

Testimony to the Public Health Committee: SB 274 chemical of High concern to Children on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

I support this bill SB 274 .

It is time that we have the support of this Committee to protect our children by passing this SB 274. It comes to be the time that these chemicals be recognized as a risk to young children, that they be replaced with safer methods and chemicals. It is time that chemical companies be more responsible to the vulnerable health of very young children, that their products be independently tested by legitimate and honorable companies for their safety. The process of proving a chemical product to be safe is backwards in this country. It should not be that the victim, patient or the buyer be responsibility to prove its veracity.

It is time that the government back us up for a safe product. The burden of proof needs to be on the shoulders of the product maker not the buyer or the patient. How dishonest this is that we the public is in this position of assuming, because it is on the market that the government is saying it is safe, when it is far from it. But what should be, that any chemical or product that is on the market, and the laws are in place making the manufacturer be responsible to prove beyond all reasonable doubts that if is safe, then the government has done the job we expect.

Please pass this bill SB 274 and thank you for your attention.

Signed.

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