

Honorable Terry Gerratana
Honorable Elizabeth Ritter
Co-Chairs, Public Health Committee
Room 3000
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

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Re: Support SB 274

Dear Senator Gerratana, and Representative Ritter,

To put it simply, United States citizens are exposed to far too many chemicals on a daily basis. Various chemicals are added to food, food packaging, furniture and bedding, and housewares. Most of these chemicals have not been tested for safety. They are innocent until proven guilty! This is a policy that our courts aspire to but it is wrong to use it when it comes to chemicals. With thousands of chemicals on the market, it is impossible to prove that each one is safe to humans. In addition, chemicals can interact in various ways, making it difficult to prove which ones are unsafe.

Although the research is ongoing, there is growing evidence that many chemicals are associated with increased rates of serious diseases in the United States. Senate Bill 274, an act concerning chemicals of high concern to children, is an effort to protect our most vulnerable citizens from the effects of dangerous chemicals. As a Registered Nurse, a cancer survivor, and a parent, I respectfully urge you to pass this bill. It is an extremely important step to address our children's health in a scientific and comprehensive way.

Thank you for your time and your service to our state.

Sincerely,

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