

Testimony Before The General Assembly In Support of  
House Bill 6332 AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS IN CHILDREN'S  
PRODUCTS, on This Day of February 21, 2013, Joyce Acebo~Raguskus, 174 Eastern Parkway,  
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My name is Joyce Acebo~Raguskus, 174 Eastern Parkway, Milford, CT. Thank you for this opportunity to speak before you this day. I am in support of HB6332, AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS. Again we as adults have a serious issue to provide protection for our little ones from three years young and younger. We need "your help" to support the ban and to protect them from harsh health effects and deadly side effects of exposure to incredible flame retardant chemical toxins.

Namely: TRIS, POISONOUS TO INFANTS AND CHILDREN. TDCPP, TDCP known as TRIS (1, 3-dichloro-2-propyl), phosphate, TCEP/TRIS (2-chloro-2-propyl)phosphate, TCPP/TRIS, (1-CHLORO-2-propyl) phosphate.

These flame retardant chemical toxins do not retard the child or infant from exposure of high health cost. Found lingering in the breast milk of mother's, surface water, indoor/outdoor dust is associated with avoidable impairment to children's nervous systems, and are known carcinogens, and we wonder why childhood cancers and nervous maladies are on the rise. The negative health invasion into newly formed bone and organs of so vulnerable a population, must count on your protection. Green chemistry is an alternative to very ill children.

2012 December: California center for Environmental Health filed notices of intent to sue leading retailers and producers of baby products for violating CA Law for failing to label such products containing cancer causing flame retardants.

2010: San Antonio Statement on 'Brominated & Chlorinated FLAME RETARDANTS, 145 SCIENTISTS from 22 COUNTRIES SIGNED FIRST-EVER CONSENSUS STATEMENT documenting health hazards from such flame retardant chemicals. "Alternative should be proven safe before being used."

2008: European Union Ban TRIS, 10 years 'after' Sweden discovered this toxin accumulated in Mother's breast milk.

History and research speaks to us to take heed for those that cannot yet speak for themselves. It is our place to contribute to their well being and I ask of you also, to fully support HB6332 and ban cunning flame retardant chemical toxins, from products for the young and the infants.

I thank you for all that you do and this honorable opportunity to speak on behalf of the most vulnerable.

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