

**Connecticut General Assembly
Testimony Hearing On This Day of March 5, 2013
Support of Raised Bill 6526 Toxic Disclosure & Innovations for Healthy Children
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Thank you for this opportunity to be heard. My name is Joyce Acebo~Raguskus, 174 Eastern Parkway, Milford, and Advocate: Coalition for a Safe & Healthy CT. I strongly support RB6526 Toxic Disclosure & Innovations for Healthy Children.

Thirty seven years, three decades, the U.S. has allowed industry to bleed untested chemicals into our products, our air and our waters, our bodies...willing un-protective exposures. The well runs high with over 83,000 chemicals streaming into the blood of our children and pregnant women, our families. The Toxic Substance Control Act **has not put controls on toxic chemicals**, but for so few. We have been left incredibly open... too many years of exposure. TSCA continues business as usual, with no revision and no regulations. **They do not require testing before they flood our systems. We continue to be the human test animals.**

CT refuses to wait any longer. **The wait and see act, wait and see who gets ill provides no caution.** Statistics of ill health have been documented and are not far from home. We raise this bill 6526 for immediate protection for the families in our own state.

On a personal note I was not left out of the long term toxic exposure equation.

I grew up in Stratford and,'unknowingly' played on toxic school grounds of Wooster Jr. High, found contaminated and capped. I walked in neighborhoods close to **Raybestos/Raymark**, (manufacturer of brake linings) with **highly known toxic asbestos exposure**, also capped for future protection. I moved and lived in Europe who practices the "Precautionary Principal" for a bit, and the West Coast, before I found myself back to East Coast/ residing in Rivercliff, Milford, just across the Housatonic River and the Asbestos beast.

**** My mother-in-law, was the secretary to Raybestos President long enough to have her exposure end her life with lung cancer.**

****My neighbor next door, to my left, was Francine, my friend, died of ovarian cancer.**

****My quiet neighbor to my right died of a brain tumor...Anthony.**

****Two houses down is Mrs. Framson, a breast cancer survivor.**

****Across the street from her, another victim of breast cancer.**

No, toxins do not discriminate. I had breast cancer as a single parent when my son was about 13.

What could have been prevented in this small radius of victim's? If we stay silent for another decade, we essentially volunteer to become victims and volunteer our children. NO we cannot wait for Congress to call for help...We must support this long overdue innovative action and act on 6526. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your wisdom and dedication to help bring safety and health to Connecticut.

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