

Personal Care Products Council

Committed to Safety,
Quality & Innovation

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Connecticut General Assembly
Joint Committee on Children
Room 011, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Opposition to House Bill 6526

Dear Committee Members:

The Personal Care Products Council (Council) respectfully submits this letter of opposition to the Connecticut General Assembly Joint Committee on Children regarding House Bill 6526, which concerns chemicals in children's products.

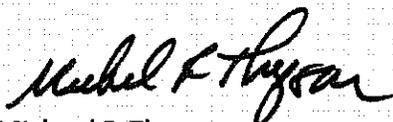
The Council is the leading national trade association representing the cosmetic and personal care products industry. The Council's more than 600 member companies manufacture, distribute, and supply the vast majority of finished personal care products marketed in the U.S. As the makers of a diverse range of products that millions of consumers rely on every day, we are committed to product safety, quality and innovation.

Our member companies routinely design products that minimize or eliminate the generation, use, and disposal of hazardous materials in consumer products. We have led efforts that promote sustainable innovation while making meaningful improvements to the protection of human health and the environment.

While the Council acknowledges the laudable intent of H.B. 6526, the proposed bill, in its current form would have sweeping adverse ramifications for virtually all industry sectors that manufacture or sell a consumer product in Connecticut. It sets a poor precedent for addressing chemicals of potential concern in consumer products. This is particularly true given the bill's open-ended criteria for identifying priority chemicals, forced chemical substitution scheme, and failure to include any consideration of risk. Coupled with the excessive penalty provision and the imposition of fees on manufacturers, the Council cannot support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our position on HB 6526.

Sincerely,



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