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In Opposition of SB84
AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY

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Thank you for this most privileged opportunity to be heard. My name is Joyce Acebo-Raguskus, 174 Eastern Parkway, Milford, CT. I am an advocate for the Coalition For A Safe & Healthy CT. I am in strong opposition of SB84 AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY, as I am concerned with children's life and health. Cadmium is a toxin that does not belong in the organs, blood/anemia, brains/damage, of the bodies of children, (nor adults). Here you have an opportunity to control exposures through contaminated jewelry.

We do not have such opportunity to control toxic cadmium via contaminated food, drinking water nor inhalation. Lung cancer has been found in studies of workers exposed to cadmium and our children are even more vulnerable to lung damage as well as, kidney damage. Cadmium severely irritates the stomach, leading to vomiting and diarrhea, and sometimes death. Exposures even to lower levels of cadmium for a long time can also cause bones to become fragile and break easily. Ref. Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry.

I would add that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has determined that cadmium and cadmium compounds are known human carcinogens. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that cadmium is carcinogenic to humans, The EPA has determined that cadmium is a probable human carcinogen.

Again, I ask that you take intelligent measures to not support this ACT CONCERNING CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY, SENATE BILL84 as it is a measure of control to the prevention of toxic exposures and very serious illness to our children. Our children are fighting continues contamination with elements too often out of our hands. This one is placed before your's to offer protection. This bill will not serve our children's health, but rather cast a cost to their deserved life of health. Thank you.