

Testimony before PUBLIC HEARING IN CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE, in support of H.B. No. 5354:(RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHEMICALS OF HIGH CONCERN TO CHILDREN; H.B. No 5036 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND CHEMICAL OF HIGH CONCERN; H.B. NO 5305 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CADMIMUM LEVELS IN CHILDREN 'S JEWELRY; H.B . No. 5035 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS and S.B 46 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICICES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

As a former Chair of the Milford Environmental Concerns Coalition, and an aunt of four grand nephews, I still want to participate in the issues that affect the environment and human health.

It took many years for the government to recognize the necessity for laws preventing the use of wastes being dumped into rivers. The change came only when the people who lived down stream, developed cholera. These laws now extend to corporations not to use rivers as dumping grounds for their toxic wastes. We are still trying to clean up these rivers and the land sites used as waste deposits. They are now known as brown fields. I would like to give you two quotes from EF Schumacher, who was a well known Economist, environmentalist and the writer of, "SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL": A study of Economics as if people mattered (1973). He said it all.

1. "Scientific and technological "solutions" which poison the environment or degrade the social structure and man himself are of no benefit, no matter how brilliantly conceived or how great their superficial attraction."
2. "Wisdom demands a new orientation of science and technology toward the organic, the elegant and beautiful."

Please do not let it take years to recognize these hazardous chemicals that are in too many products, flowing into the lives of young children, which are still on the market. If many of these companies can produce green toys for sale in Europe, what is keeping them from selling green products in the United States? Corporate greed is no longer acceptable when health and life are at stake.

We have a right to know what is in the products we purchase for our kids!!!

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