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My written testimony in support of S.B. 126, An Act Concerning Children's Exposure to Chemicals

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Members of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for introducing this legislation. I am grateful to the sponsors of this bill. This bill is certainly a step in the right direction. We need to protect the health and the environment of our children.

Today our children are exposed to many consumer products; baby bottles, linings of food and beverage cans, and toys containing toxic and harmful chemicals known as phthalates (Bisphenol A or BPA and Polyvinyl Chloride or PVC).

Personally, I think it's immoral that companies today still currently use hazardous chemicals knowing that there is a direct correlation to serious health problems - leukemia, brain cancer, disruption of hormones, and developmental problems. It's disturbing to me that these illnesses are so prominent today. As a mother of two young boys this scares me. What is going on with the health of our children and in our environment today that didn't exist when I was a child?

We need to act now! Please vote **yes**, in support of S.B. 126, An Act Concerning Children's Exposure to Chemicals.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony.

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