

**SB 126 Jennifer Steiner Testimony (written only) of Jennifer Steiner
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Testimony in support of SB 126, An Act Concerning Children's
Exposure to Chemicals**

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and honorable members of the Public Health Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 126, An Act Concerning Children's Exposure to Chemicals.

I am a Health Coach in West Hartford, CT and I specialize in helping families remove these toxic chemicals from their homes. I do this because of my own misdiagnosed illness that was related to chemical exposure.

I am on the front line of seeing the frustration that these parents have. All they want to do is keep their kids and themselves healthy and they are finding it very hard to do so when they don't know what they are being exposed to. Parenting isn't just about worrying whether your child will touch a hot stove anymore, it is worrying about if an ingredient that makes up one of their toys or something in their crib can disrupt their hormones or if they will have ADHD or a learning disability or develop cancer later in life.

When we look at the rate of childhood illness, it is skyrocketing! (I personally know of three friends whose children have brain tumors). The toxic burden that is placed on these children begins in the womb and is getting worse and worse with each generation.

We need to make a change now in order to protect the health of children today and five generations from now. There are too many worries that a parent has already; they shouldn't have to worry about toxic chemicals in their kid's products.

Thank you.

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