

Personal Care  Products Council
Committed to Safety,
Quality & Innovation

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Connecticut General Assembly
Joint Committee on Public Health
Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 126

Dear Committee Members:

The Personal Care Products Council (Council) respectfully submits this letter of opposition to the Connecticut General Assembly Joint Committee on Public Health regarding Senate Bill 126, 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 millions of consumers rely on every day, from sunscreens, toothpaste and shampoo to moisturizer, lipstick and fragrance, personal care products companies are global leaders committed to product safety, quality and innovation.

Our member companies have led efforts that promote sustainable innovation while making meaningful improvements to the protection of human health and the environment. Our member companies routinely practice alternatives assessment as part of their research and development (R&D) process to develop new and improved products for consumers.

While the Council acknowledges the laudable intent of SB 126, 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 and failure to include any consideration of risk.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our position on SB 126.

Sincerely,



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