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Testimony of Margot White of The Choosy Chick, LLC
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Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban and Honorable Members of the Children's Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 5653 AAC Chemicals of High Concern to Children. As a health educator, mother and informed consumer, I strongly support HB-5653.

I am seriously concerned about toxins in products that we come in contact with every single day.

Our marketplaces are saturated with products that contain ingredients linked to cancer, endocrine disruption, allergies and learning disabilities, among other health concerns, and some chemical components pose a threat to our environment. More and more, research is uncovering possible links between chemical exposure and illness. These chemicals are found in urine, breast milk and cord blood. I am especially concerned for children as research shows that they are even more susceptible to the harmful effects of toxins. As an educated consumer and an avid label reader, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find products in stores that do not contain toxins.

As a result, I was inspired to create our own online boutique for non-toxic personal care products. Unfortunately, most consumers are unaware of this issue and assume that the products they purchase are safe.

We are far behind Europe and other countries that ban and restrict the use of many of these chemicals. As a result, studies show that Europeans have a lower level of toxins in their bodies compared to Americans. It is time that we start putting the health and safety of the American people, especially children, first.

Please consider my concerns when HB-5653 comes up for discussion. California has instituted Proposition 65 in an effort to protect people from toxic exposure. Make Connecticut set an example by protecting the health of its children.

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