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Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban and Honorable Members of the Children's Committee:

As a mother and grandmother, I strongly support HB-5653. I am greatly concerned about the increase in cases of cancer, autism, ADD, ADHD and the early onset of puberty among our children. I am equally concerned that mothers' precious breast milk can be so contaminated with toxins that its value is called into question.

Europe and other countries have determined that certain chemicals used in pesticides, preservatives, cosmetics, fragrances, household cleaners, cosmetics, and even baby creams and shampoos, are known or suspected carcinogens and endocrine disruptors. Thousands of toxic chemicals have been banned in those countries contrasted to the handful banned in the U.S. How can it be that the children in other countries are afforded protection against toxins while the children in our great country remain exposed?

I urge you to consider that question as you discuss the merits of HB-5653. Do the right thing - let Connecticut lead the way.

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