

Testimony of Tom Swan, Executive Director, CT Citizen Action Group (CCAG)

In support of *HB 5299, AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE*

Children's Committee

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Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban and honorable members of the Children's Committee. My name is Tom Swan and I am the Executive Director of the CT Citizen Action Group (CCAG). I am also the father of a four year old. It is with both of these hats on that I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of ***HB 5299, AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE.***

The chemicals proposed to be phased out in this bill are unnecessary and we believe they cause more harm than they do good. As a parent, I understand the urge to do whatever is possible to keep my child safe. Marketing these chemicals as a means to keep children safe is misleading at best and more likely a greedy scheme that poisons children to make a profit.

On behalf of CCAG member families and parents of young children throughout Connecticut, I urge you to pass this legislation. Thank you.