



To Representative Frank I. Smizik, Chair and Senator Pamela P. Resor, Chair
The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture.
State House, Room 473F, Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Smizik, Senator Resor and members of the Committee

I write on behalf of the Massachusetts Parent-Teacher Association's approximately 19,000 members in 119 local units throughout the state, to support H-783 and S-558, An Act for a Healthy Massachusetts: Safer Alternatives for Toxic Chemicals (sponsored by Representative Jay Kaufman and Senator Steven Tolman). The Massachusetts PTA urges the committee to give this bill a favorable report.

It is time to stop the repeated and ongoing exposures to toxic chemicals that children breathe, eat, absorb through the skin, and inherit at every stage of development.

We cannot afford to tolerate the sources of preventable illness and disability, specifically from these toxic chemicals that sabotage our children's health and development. An Act for a Healthy Massachusetts would be a significant step to reduce the environmental sources of health problems and disabilities that disrupt and destroy young lives and burden families and communities with increasing health and education costs.. Why waste millions of health and education dollars to treat or compensate for preventable illnesses and disabilities when the solution is to stop the pollution that condemn infants and children to an unhealthy start and an uncertain future?

I urge you to give this proposed legislation a favorable report. Our children and their families will thank you for it.

Yours truly,

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