

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
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RE: H.R. 6022

Dear Congressman Schrader,

In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed, with bipartisan support, a bill that will protect children's developing brains and bodies from exposure to toxic chemicals found in everyday products.

Oregon's Toxic Free Kids program works by requiring manufacturers to notify health officials when children's products sold in Oregon contain chemicals of concern. This program has broad support from doctors and nurses, public health professionals, parents and other concerned citizens, and businesses large and small in Oregon.

We are shocked to learn that you are a co-sponsor of H.R. 6022, a bill to amend the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. As written, the provisions of H.R. 6022 will harm Oregonians, undermining consumers right to know what kinds of ingredients are used in products they purchase and use everyday. Furthermore, we are concerned about the move to preempt state laws, like Oregon's, that are more stringent and protective of public health.

We are perplexed and deeply troubled by your support of H.R. 6022.

Oregonians deserve to know if toxic chemicals are being used in products. The health and well being of our families and children depend on it. We write to request that you rescind your co-sponsorship of H.R. 6022.

H.R. 6022 allows the chemical industry to distort the market and limit consumers' freedom to make informed choices. Please do not side with the chemical industry at the expense of the health of Oregonians in Salem, Oregon City, Wilsonville, and beyond.

Again, we respectfully request that you withdraw your support for H.R. 6022. We appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance for a response to our request at your convenience.

Sincerely,
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