

As a parent and a Parents magazine reader, I am writing to urge you to support the Kid-Safe Chemicals Act.

Children are particularly vulnerable to exposure to chemicals, some of which have been linked to cancer, learning disabilities, and birth defects. Thousands of chemicals are used in consumer products, and very few of them have ever been tested for safety. When studies suggest that a particular chemical is potentially harmful, it is currently very difficult to have it removed from the market.

The Kid-Safe Chemicals Act would give the EPA the authority to require manufacturers to test new chemicals for toxicity and to prove that they're safe before they hit the marketplace. It would also make it easier for the EPA to regulate any chemicals in existing products that are shown to be dangerous. In addition, the new legislation would require that a database on chemical hazards and uses be available to the public, and it would encourage the development of greener and safer chemicals.

I hope that you will be a strong advocate for children because getting kids off to a healthy start is essential for the future of our nation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,