

February 8, 2012

Representative Mitch Greenlick, Co-Chair
Representative Jim Thompson, Co-Chair
Health Care Committee
House of Representatives
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Representatives Greenlick and Thompson, and Members of the Committee:

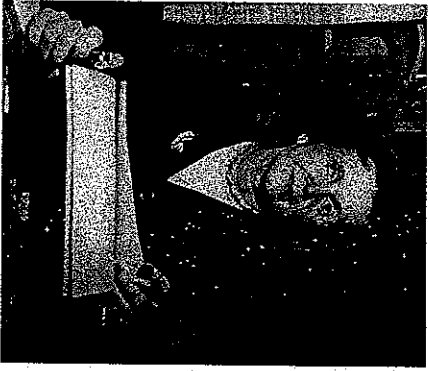
Rachel's Friends Breast Cancer Coalition urges your support of HB 4123, The Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act. Rachel's Friends is a nonprofit advocacy group focused on prevention and the environmental causes of cancer. This bill will make critical information about chemicals of concern available to the public, and will enable all of us to make more informed decisions to protect children and families from harmful chemicals. Thank you for your consideration, and on behalf of Rachel's Friends I urge your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheyenne Chapman".

Cheyenne Chapman, Board Member
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We are dedicated to the memory of **Rachel Carson**, biologist, writer, and ecologist. She is considered the forerunner of the U.S. environmental movement. Her book **Silent Spring** challenged agricultural scientists and the government and warned the public about the long-term effects of misusing pesticides, particularly DDT. In 1963 she testified before Congress, calling for new policies to protect human health and the environment. She died of breast cancer in 1964.

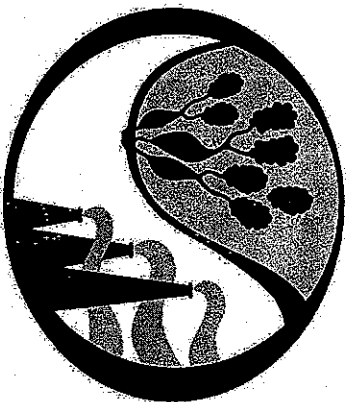


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- **Oregon ranks number eight in the US in breast cancer incidence. Washington State ranks 18 (2007 statistics).** Incidence is the number of cases per 100,000 people.
<http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/incidencrates/>
- **Over 85,000 synthetic chemicals are used in commercial products. More than 90% have never been tested for their effects on human health.**

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RACHEL'S FRIENDS
Breast Cancer Coalition

*A non-profit advocacy group
focusing on
prevention and the
environmental causes
of cancer*

**We can race for the cure
but we can't run from the cause**

Our Mission

We are an Oregon advocacy organization dedicated to lowering the incidence of breast and other cancers by reducing our exposure to environmental carcinogens. We do this through education, legislative action and organizing for change on behalf of Oregonians.

What We Do

- **Educate** the public and policy makers through conferences, newsletters, our web site and social media, tabling at community events, and providing information about how to reduce the risk of breast and other cancers.
- **Advocate** for an environment free of carcinogens and increased funding for research on environmental causes of cancer by sponsoring and supporting legislation that protects people from hazardous chemicals.
- **Collaborate** with organizations and people who work to prevent cancer.

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Prevention is the Cure

We welcome the increasing evidence that many cancers are linked to environmental causes. We provide information to help people apply the science to their lives and avoid exposure to toxics in air, food, water, and common consumer products. We encourage our members to contact their legislators and participate in public policy work to prevent cancer.

We endorse the Precautionary Principle of public health, "better safe than sorry." This would require manufacturers and industries that make, release, or use toxic chemicals to assess the health consequences and environmental impacts before they are marketed. Even if cause and effect relationships are not firmly established, we should act now to reduce our exposure to known and suspected carcinogens.

We support Right-To-Know laws that require public access to clear complete information about health risks linked to chemical exposures. People have a right to information they need to make decisions about using toxic chemicals in consumer products, in the workplace, and in agriculture.

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Together we make a difference

Please join us and support our work to prevent cancer. We invite you to attend our events and advocate with us for stronger public health laws.

Become a member
Annual membership \$25
Full-time students/ adults aged 65 and older \$15

Make a donation
Supporter \$100
Partner \$250
Benefactor \$500
Your choice \$

In honor/memory of _____
Please mail an acknowledgement of my gift to (name and mailing address):

Volunteer
 Help prepare mailings
 Staff information table at events
 Serve on a committee

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____
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