

March 15, 2013

To: Chair Mitch Greenlick  
Vice Chair Keny-Guyer  
Vice Chair Thompson  
Members of the House Health Care Committee

**Subject: Support for HB 3162: Toxic Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act**

On behalf of the Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) and the 320,000 patients we serve, we are writing to express support for HB 3162 which will:

- Create a science-based “High Priority Chemicals of Concern for Children’s Health” list
- Require manufacturers to notify Oregon public health officials when their children’s products contain these chemicals
- Have manufacturers phase out harmful chemicals and replace them with safer alternatives.

We know that so much of our health is not determined inside the four walls of a clinic, but social and environmental factors. HB 3162 addresses an environmental issue impacting our communities that can lead to long term costs to our system. This bill also provides Oregon agencies the authority to collect data will improve our understanding in order to make public health decisions based on sound science.

We urge you to support HB 3162 to build healthy communities where we can live, work and play.

Regards,

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