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Chair Greenlick and members of the House Committee on Health Care, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Sarid Ditton and I am the Founder of Wee Can Too Art Supply in Eugene, Oregon.

Wee Can Too is an Oregon-based business that I started when my daughter, Savannah, turned 6 months old. As I'm sure you're aware, children have been known to put their little hands in their mouths, which makes them more vulnerable to chemical exposures from everyday products. Many art supplies claimed to be safe and non-toxic, but still contained dyes that made me feel unsettled about essentially "feeding" them to my baby. I was inspired to create a product that is completely edible, organic and most of all, safe for babies and toddlers. Wee Can Too products are now sold in Oregon, nationwide, and internationally.

Wee Can Too Art Supply fully supports House Bill 3162.

It's easy to support this legislation from a mother's perspective, as we all want to protect our children from harm. But as a manufacturer of children's products in Oregon, I also support HB 3162 because it would level the playing field for small businesses that have invested in using safer alternatives and avoiding chemicals of concern. I firmly believe this legislation will encourage other manufacturers to play by the same rules.

Wee Can Too Art Supply is proud of having created a product that is safe and fun for children to use, and that parents trust. We know that many chemicals commonly used in children's products can pose unnecessary risks to our children and that consumers are concerned about the effects of exposure to toxic chemicals in day-to-day life. That's why I started this business in the first place.

I am proud to be a small business owner in this state and want to see Oregon continue to be a leader in protecting our children from exposure to toxic chemicals in products designed to help them learn, play, and grow. This legislation would give Oregon consumers peace of mind and ensure their confidence in the products they buy in our state.

I urge you to support HB 3162. I strongly support its passage and thank the distinguished members of the committee for your consideration.

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