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Oregon State Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act 2013 (HB 3162)  
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My name is Sarah Francis and I'm with MomsRising, a national organization of over one million members. On behalf of our 23,000 thousand Oregon members, I urge you to support the Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act 2013 (HB 3162).

Toxic chemicals found in products that families use every day from car seats to teething rings have been linked to cancer, obesity, and brain development problems. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists Oregon in the top 25 states for cancer deaths.

We can do better: Oregon families shouldn't be in the dark when it comes toxic chemicals.

The Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act 2013 does three great things for Oregon families and businesses:

- Creates a science-based "High Priority Chemicals of Concern for Children's Health" list
- Requires manufacturers to notify Oregon public health officials when their children's products contain these chemicals
- Has manufacturers phase out harmful chemicals and replace them with safer alternatives.

Recently, we asked our Oregon members why they support toxic chemical reform. The response we got was overwhelming and I'd like to share some with you today:

I have two children, one 9 months old. I have so much to worry about when protecting them from harm. The safety of basic consumer goods should not be one of my concerns, it should be yours. - Brittany, West Linn, OR

I want comprehensive chemicals reform because it will save a ton of money in health care costs, not to mention saving us all a lot of misery. Businesses will appreciate the reduction in absenteeism due to illness. - Ken, Ashland, OR

These are just a few of the many, many voices we heard from. We urge you to support to support the Toxics Disclosure for Healthy Kids Act 2013 (HB 3162).

Thanks for all you do for Oregon families,

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