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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB546

In Support of SB 546 (The Cosmetics Bill?) I can't find an actual title for it.

I support this bill because I know for a fact that most people do not have a clue about how dangerous most personal and beauty products are!

Realizing this myself a number of years ago I began the long and difficult task of finding healthy replacement products for ALL of my personal care items including shampoo, cream rinse, laundry detergents, etc. My skin used to itch all the time until I figured out it was the inert ingredients added to my laundry detergent. My facial skin burned after using my "simple" soap to clean it. I have since realized that even using the "correct" mineral sunscreens was not a good idea! Yegods!!

Figuring out what those multi-syllabic words for chemical ingredients were was not easy to do. But I had help from some online organizations to parse it out. I now use fewer products that work better for me, including just plain water to wash my face. There is still work to do, but now you can help make this easier for all of us. I have become a consummate label reader of EVERYTHING, and even then... I have to search.

SB 546 will require public disclosure of all chemical ingredients on a company's webpage. Additionally it will ban the sale of the worst chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products as other states have already done, and make them available on the OHA website for the public to see.

One of the chemicals covered in this bill, Formaldehyde, is also a normal ingredient in low-cost ice creams! Imagine that. I'd like to see the list of banned chemicals expanded in future. You do not include soaps, shampoos, hair rinses, laundry detergents, sun block creams, nail care, etc. All of these products go directly onto or into the skin. Perhaps these could be added in the next session?

This Bill is a very good first step towards removing millions of toxic chemicals and oils from our lives.

We must join the 7 states considering cosmetics bills this session, and the 6 who have already done so.

Please vote yes with me on SB 546!

Sincerely,

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