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SB 426 needs to pass so we can take this step forward in protecting health, especially the health of our youth. The word "toxic" should not apply to anything that is knowingly allowed in areas where kids are spending time. The impacts on the growing organs of children are much greater than for an adult. And even we adults deserve to not be harmed by chemicals used by schools, of all places (really anywhere, when you think about it).

We need to be better protectors of youth. They already have the odds stacked against them with all the compounding health impacts brought on by the climate catastrophe (e.g., extreme heat waves, horrible air quality when the smoke is blowing in from fires, the mental health toll of living on a sick planet). Let's do all we can to at least lessen their burden where we can. It is all the more important for youth who may already face greater health impacts due to their living conditions and health care that poverty, food insecurity and other stressors can cause.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration!