

Hello Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the committee–

For the record, my name is Krista Snell, and I am a proud Hillsboro City employee and resident of Senate District 15. I am married to a retired police officer, and I am also a mother of a 7 year old boy named CJ. I am here to testify in support of HB 3043, the Toxic Free Kids Modernization Act.

While I now call Oregon my home, I am originally from the rural South, in Louisiana- where things like Whole Foods, organic and toxic-free, and specialty products were incredibly hard to come by. My family shopped at the Dollar Store for both groceries and kid’s toys. Recently, a 2022 national study found that [81%](#) of Dollar Store products tested contained chemicals of concern for children, including PVC.

I support this bill because it evens out the playing field for everyday people who shop for the major name brands found in chain stores. HB 3043 removes the chemical limit in which OHA can regulate harmful chemicals, and also calls for reporting on Brand name and product model in kid’s products. Having a database that spells out things like “Mattel Malibu Barbie” or “Marvel spiderman action figure” would help parents figure out what chemicals are in what product.

And I urge you to keep the things that prioritize kid’s health, consumer protections, and transparency in this bill. You will probably hear from corporations and lobbyists why they would oppose it and why they wouldn’t want to be required to remove chemicals from their products. While I am not involved in these tense conversations, I just know that like every parent, I just want to give my kid the best of everything. And I am asking you all as lawmakers, to help deliver that to parents like me.

Please adopt the strongest policy you can.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.

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