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In support of HB 2684, it is clear this is of major importance to the well-being of society, writ large.

It is particularly crucial in the years of development--from birth through adulthood--that everything be done to support mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of the most vulnerable in our society. That is, without question, our collective responsibility.

The cost of neglect in this regard results in a diminishment of the well-being of individuals, families, communities and the country as a whole as financial tolls on the entire society in unnecessary and burdensome costs to all through increased medical costs, addiction services, carceral policies; loss of creative human potential to address and solve society's innumerable challenges in this world changing at breathtaking velocity.

Our children's health depends upon many factors beyond our control. This makes it incumbent upon us to do whatever we can to foresee and prevent problems within our control.

Isn't it logical and truly the least we can do to insure our children's lives are protected from toxic substances in their schools and immediate environs?

Let's make it our business to support and pass HB 2684.