

Vermont Business Support for the Toxic-Free Families Act, S.239

April 3rd, 2014

Dear Representative:

As Vermont businesses, we work hard to protect the health of our customers and their families, the environment, and the Vermont brand. We encourage you to pass smart chemical safety reform legislation that will do the same.

Our nation's laws on chemical safety aren't working. The current federal law, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), is outdated and inadequate. As a result, tens of thousands of potentially harmful chemicals have been introduced to the marketplace since the 1970s without proper testing, and without disclosure by the companies that produce them.

We believe this has to change: it's time for better chemical safety regulations.

As local companies, we're asking the state legislature to pass chemical policy reform that protects the most vulnerable among us and requires public access to information regarding the safety of chemicals. Reform at the state level is necessary to protect Vermont citizens as long as the federal government fails to do so. Guided by good science, legislation can drive business innovation, safeguard public health, increase consumer confidence in our products, and protect our Green Mountain State's natural environment.

Parents and families should not have to worry about harmful chemicals in our everyday products; manufacturers should be held responsible for ensuring the safety of the chemicals they produce. That's why we're encouraging the Vermont legislature to pass chemical safety reform now.

Chemical reform is good for our businesses, our economy, and the Vermont brand.

Sincerely,

Woodchuck Coffee Roasters	South Burlington
Littlewood Farm	Plainfield
Burlington Cohousing	Burlington
Elise Creations & Passions	Burlington
Evergreen Evaluation & Consulting, Inc.	Jericho
Editide	Marshfield
Main Street Landing	Burlington
Randolph Peace Coalition	Randolph Center
Livewirefarm	Jacksonville
North Star Counseling Services, Inc.	Norwich
Sustainability Solutions LLC	Shelburne

Flag Hill Farm Vermont Hard Cider and Brandy	Vershire
2muchmedia	North Ferrisburgh
Rhapsody Natural Foods/Center for Natural Living	Cabot
The Final Connection	Westford
The New School of Montpelier	Middlesex
Lake Champlain Waldorf School	Shelburne
Mater Christi School	So. Burlington
Lincoln Coop Preschool	Lincoln
Vital Living, LLC	Shelburne
Healthy Vermont Green Cleaning	Putney
SageAlliance, OUV	Sharon
Roots and Trails	St. Johnsbury
Seventh Generation	Burlington
Smith & Vasant Architects PC	Thetford
The Last Resort Farm	Bristol
Got Weeds?	Royalton
Winter Garden Project, L3C	Burlington
King's Taste	Franklin
Huntington Public Library	Huntington
Trukenbrod Mill and Bakery	East Thetford
Transition Town Manchester	Manchester
High Ridge Meadows Farm, LLC	East Randolph
Chelsea Miller Knives	West Danville
Elliot Street Fish, Chips & More	Dummerston
Applebutter Inn	Taftsville
Burning Bush Adventures	Bennington
Apple Mountain Co.	Colchester
ACCELLerate	Waltham
Cedar Wood Natural Health Center	Burlington
Phoenix Chemistry Services	North Ferrisburgh
The Green Side	Burlington
Nova Natural Toys & Crafts	Shelburne
SEVA Earth LLC	Lincoln