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Subject: Support S 239 - the toxics bill - Apr 16, 2014

Representative David Deen

State House

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Dear Representative Deen,

I am writing this letter in support of S. 239, an act relating to the regulation of toxic substances. All Vermonters should be guaranteed that their own efforts to stay healthy aren't undermined by exposure to toxins they aren't even aware of.

Attention has rightly been given to the effects of these toxic chemicals on infants and children but please consider that exposure to toxic agents can have a profound and lasting effect on reproductive health across the life course, thus all consumer products need to be covered.

The exposure of pregnant women and developing fetuses to chemicals in all kinds of products is critical to the health of developing babies as well. Exposure can increase the risk of miscarriage and stillbirth, impaired fetal growth, pre-term births and birth defects.

Health care professionals and public health advocates are advocating strongly for this bill because it is clear that unregulated exposure to toxic chemicals is irresponsible and bad public policy.

Vermont's health and piece of mind must not be subject to swings in national politics and held hostage by dysfunction in Washington.

I strongly ask that you not limit the scope of this bill to just children's products as the impact of exposure to toxic substances is harmful at all ages.

Please vote yes on S. 239 in its strongest form and move this important issue forward.

Thank you for all that you do for the state of Vermont,

Sincerely,

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