

Statement Supporting Safe Chemicals Act of 2012

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To PA Congressional Delegation:

Fifty years ago, Rachel Carson wrote in *Silent Spring*: "For the first time in the history of the world, every human being is now subjected to contact with dangerous chemicals, from the moment of conception until death." The bioassay studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirm this, documenting that even newborn infants have 79 known carcinogens and mutagens in their bodies. It is not a question of regulation stifling economic growth and killing jobs. It is a moral imperative to shift the burden of proof for the safety of synthetic materials to the producers. Consumers cannot avoid the ubiquitous inundation of the chemical stew that has become our ambient air, our drinking water and the formerly fertile ground. As the biodiversity of species succumbs worldwide to this onslaught, we will find ourselves among the species facing extinction.

Enough! Pass the Safe Chemicals Act NOW! Let us do what we can to leave our children a living earth, rather than one deadened by the poisons of our own creation.

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