



SUPPORT

S. 6034/A. 7950 (Avella/Ortiz)

Regulates Chemicals of High Concern to Children

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 6034/A. 7950 (Avella/Ortiz), which would require manufacturers of children's products to disclose to retailers and consumers if their products contain chemicals of high concern to children.

Many children's products, including toys, car seats, and apparel, among others, contain chemicals that are linked to cancer, developmental delays, cognitive impairments, illness, and other health problems. These products can be present in the home, child care facilities, and school, and repeated exposure over time can increase risk. Parents have a right to know which products these chemicals are present in so that they can choose to avoid them, and retailers have a right to know so that they can choose to not sell them.

S. 6034/A. 7950 would require the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), to develop a list of priority chemicals for disclosure and review it regularly. All manufacturers of children's products would be required to disclose to DOH and DEC if any of the covered chemicals are present in their products. The Department of State, DOH, and DEC would all post on their websites a notice to consumers of which children's products contain covered chemicals and the known and potential health impacts associated with those chemicals.

The damage done to children by exposure to harmful chemicals early in life can be irreversible and difficult to detect until it is too late for action. Parents have a right to know which chemicals, and which products, pose a risk to their children so that they can avoid them. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 6034/A. 7950.

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