

Dear Senator George, Chair of Health Policy Committee:
CC: Senate Majority Leader Bishop

As owners of independent toy stores and manufacturers in Michigan, we strongly urge you to support and quickly move the Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4763-4769).

As retailers and small manufacturers that provide high quality children's products, we strongly support a system of ensuring that large toy manufacturers disclose their use of the "worst of the worst" chemicals (termed "chemicals of highest concern" in the legislation). The information provided by large toy manufacturers through the Children's Safe Products Act could help us decide what children's products to stock on our shelves or give to our own children. We should have a right to know about whether children's products we are selling have the most toxic chemicals. Parents deserve this right as well.

We share a desire to provide children with positive experiences without placing them at risk for health problems from toxic exposures. Unfortunately, too often legislation to protect children's health has ignored the impact these regulations could have on small, independent businesses. We are pleased that legislators and children's health advocates in Michigan have crafted bills that protect children while protecting and enhancing our own business prospects.

Please support Michigan retailers and small US toy manufactures as well as our customers – Michigan's children – by supporting and passing the Children's Safe Products Act.

Sincerely,

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