



Committee on Environment & Public Works Moves to Protect Women's Health by Passing the Safe Chemicals Act

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Statement by Kirsten Moore, President & CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project on the passage of the [Safe Chemicals Act](#) by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

“Amid an increasingly partisan backdrop in Congress for women’s health advocates, the Safe Chemicals Act gives us something we can all agree on—a better law to protect our families from toxic and untested chemicals in everyday products.

We can no longer ignore the evidence which links toxic chemicals to reproductive health problems like infertility, miscarriage and cancer. The Safe Chemicals Act will provide much needed common-sense limits on chemicals known to be most harmful and better protect the health of women and their families.

This bill presents a unique opportunity to protect the most vulnerable among us, from pregnant women and children to low-income communities and communities of color, which are disproportionately affected by toxic chemicals.

We hope Congress will act quickly to pass this bill.”

Background: The Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 will provide long overdue reform of the 36-year-old federal law that regulates toxic chemicals, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This new legislation would give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stronger authority to test and regulate the 84,000 chemicals on the market today. Studies have linked exposure to many commonly used chemicals, such as bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates, to a host of reproductive health problems including infertility, miscarriage, birth defects, early puberty in girls, low sperm counts, and breast cancer.

For more information about this legislation and how toxic chemicals impact reproductive health and fertility, please read more here: <http://www.rhttp.org/fertility/vallombrosa/default.asp>

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