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BACKGROUND

The Safer Beauty bill package is a suite of four bills that address gaps in the federal regulation of cosmetic safety by **banning the worst chemicals, requiring disclosure of hazardous chemicals (including fragrance ingredients), protecting women of color and salon workers, and requiring supply chain transparency.**

Most consumers do not realize that the beauty and personal care products they use every day might be unsafe. Yet, it's perfectly legal for these products to contain hazardous ingredients. From cancer-causing asbestos in baby powder to hormone-disrupting phthalates in body wash to brain-damaging lead in lipstick, the situation is dangerous to the health of all.

Breast cancer, learning disabilities, early puberty, infertility and reproductive and developmental harm are all on the rise; hundreds of scientific studies show it's due in part to our ongoing daily exposure to toxic chemicals lurking in our homes, workplaces, and communities—including our beauty and personal care products.

ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS

Endorsed by more than 150 NGOs and businesses, including:

- Black Women for Wellness
- Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
- California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
- California Black Health Network
- Campaign for Safe Cosmetics
- Consumer Reports
- WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Women's Voices for the Earth
- Badger
- Counter
- Crunchi
- Dr. Bronner's
- Innersense Organic Beauty
- Intelligent Nutrients
- Sienna Naturals

BILL PACKAGE SUMMARY

Toxic-Free Beauty Act

| Reps. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) and Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07)

Bans 18 of the most toxic chemicals including mercury, parabens, lead, asbestos and toluene, plus the classes of formaldehyde-releasing preservatives and ortho-phthalates. The European Union and a growing number of states have banned many of these chemicals, yet they are used in cosmetic products sold legally in the U.S.

Cosmetic Safety Protections for Communities of Color & Salon Workers

| Reps. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)

Funds research, resource materials, education and outreach, and the development of safer chemicals to protect the health of women of color and salon workers. These two vulnerable populations are among the most highly exposed to toxic chemicals because of the cosmetic products marketed to them or commonly found in their workplaces. Also requires the FDA to ensure the safety of synthetic braids – which can be contaminated with carcinogens like lead, benzene and more.

Cosmetic Hazardous Ingredient Right to Know Act

| Reps. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) and Doris Matsui (CA-07)

Requires disclosure on product labels and websites of the secret, unlabeled, and often toxic fragrance and flavor ingredients in both retail consumer cosmetic and professional salon products. Plus, a website link where consumers can get more information about any hazardous ingredient in the cosmetic product that negatively impacts human health.

Cosmetic Supply Chain Transparency Act

| Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09)

Requires suppliers, manufacturers, and formulators of cosmetic ingredients, raw materials, products, or packaging to provide cosmetic companies with full ingredient disclosure and safety data so they can make safer products.