

Dear Senator

As you are aware, Washington State has over 75,000 nurses, easily making us the largest health care provider in the state. The Safe Children's Products Bill is a 2008 legislative priority for the Washington State Nurses Association (WSNA). As the Environmental Health Specialist for the WSNA, I urge your support for ESHB 2647, the Children's Safe Product Act.

We have a responsibility to protect our children's health, learning and futures from unnecessary sources of harm. Toxic chemicals like lead, cadmium and phthalates do not belong in our children's toys.

This legislation is supported by the Washington State Medical Association, the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Washington State Nurses Association and physicians and nurses throughout Washington State. Current science tells us there is no safe level of exposure when it comes to lead. This bill takes reasonable steps to enact achievable standards that will protect children's health.

Please make our children's health and their futures your top priority and support the Children's Safe Products Act today.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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