NYS AAP, District II

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Memo of Support A.4102/S.5612

The NYS AAP, representing more than 4,100 pediatricians across New York State, strongly supports The Child Safe Products Act, A.4102/S.5612.

Toxic chemicals have no business in children's products like toys, clothing, or car seats. Yet product makers have reported more than 5,000 types of children's products that contain dangerous chemicals.

New York must act to protect children's health with a comprehensive approach, modeled after effective policies in other states and countries, and containing the following elements:

- Identify chemicals of high concern based on their inherent hazards;
- Create a priority list of chemicals of high concern found in children's products;
- Require manufacturers to disclose use of priority chemicals in children's products;
- Phase out those priority chemicals in children's products;
- Participate in an interstate chemicals clearinghouse (IC2).

It is time New York State moves to protect our children from known toxins in the very products closest to their bodies. Several cities and counties have already passed Safe Product legislation. We need a statewide approach to protect children from Buffalo to the end of Long Island.

We urge the legislature to pass this bill this year. Let's begin to protect our children now.

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