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The independent small business owners of the Metropolitan Independent Business Alliance recognize the need to reform the outdated regulations which govern our nation's chemical industry and the chemicals used in consumer products. The Minnesota Toxic Free Kids Act is a step in the right direction.

By asking manufacturers to report harmful chemicals present in children's products, manufacturers will have a clear incentive to switch to less toxic alternatives. And the retailers and other small businesses represented by MetroIBA will have a greater ability to choose healthier products on behalf of their customers.

Ultimately, we would like to see this type of reporting requirement expanded to all consumer and food products, not just products for children. We would also like to see this type of legislation exist at the national level, not just in a patchwork of states.

We appreciate the Toxic Free Kids Act's adaptations for small manufacturers. We believe very strongly that the final version of this law should not unduly burden small manufacturers and retailers who lack the resources available to big businesses. We also believe that any legislation involving retailers should also seek to regulate out of state internet companies selling to Minnesota customers, which represents a rapidly growing share of the marketplace.

We therefore encourage the Minnesota legislature to pass the Toxic Free Kids Act.



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