

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

We are writing to urge you to vote for passage of Oregon State House Bill HB2495, regarding changes in provisions for chemicals in children's products.

Our company, *Naturepedic Organic Mattresses & Bedding*, has been a leader in the fight to remove and stop the use of toxic synthetic chemicals in consumer and commercial products. We especially advocate for this for defenseless babies and children.

Naturepedic has partnered with like-minded organizations such as *Clean Production Action (CPA)* and the *Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI)*, as well as the *Oregon Environmental Council*. We have all advocated for the elimination and cessation of the use of toxic chemicals, but in particular for children's products.

It has been found in research studies that most, if not all, of the synthetic chemicals used in children's products have some toxicity and can impact children's health due to constant exposure via air, water, and physical contact. Various diseases have been linked to these chemicals and the impacts are most egregious in the case of the new-born and infants where the relative toxic impact is the highest.

As Founder and Technical Director of Naturepedic, and as a certified environmental engineer, I ask that you pass House Bill HB2595 into law.

Respectfully,

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