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## A Defense for Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products?

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<u>It's being reported</u> that interests opposed to a bill banning the use of hazardous chemicals in children's products are pressing hard for the bill's defeat. The Child

Safe Product Act has 40 sponsors in the Senate, including myself. Already passed in the Assembly, the legislation would require manufacturers to phase out certain chemicals used in children's products—such as arsenic, lead and mercury.

The legislation targets the influx of products manufactured in China that contain these, and many hazardous chemicals. However, chemical manufactures are arguing that banning the use of toxic, carcinogenic chemicals in children's toys will impact their bottom line.

I've been waiting 2 years to vote AYE on the bill.