

I am a mother of 3 young children. Like all moms, I care deeply about the health and well being of my kids.

In a world filled with chemicals that are untested and unregulated, I end up devoting a significant amount of time researching how best to keep them safe from toxins.

I am forced to study the foods they eat, the clothes they wear, the beds they sleep in, all products they use and I use in my home.

It is a virtually endless job that is made so much more difficult by the lack of regulation and information that is accessible by the public.

The studies and research that I learn about through my involvement with the Mount Sinai Children's Environmental Health Center, as well as work I do on my own, demonstrates a clear relationship between many of the chemicals that exist today and a significant number of children's health problems.

Parents need to feel confident that children's products on the market will not cause harm. We have a right to know what we are feeding our children and that all products and options available to us are - at the very least - not harmful.

That is not the case today. Along with my family and many friends, I urge legislators to take responsible and bold action to change this.

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