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Through: Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary, OS

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SUBJECT: Standard for the Flammability(Open Flame) of Mattresses and Mattress/Foundation Sets; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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Mattress Comment 1

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To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR - Flame resistant mattresses

Please do not add even more chemicals to our lives. All the flame retardants that will be required are to put it bluntly poison and overkill. Our mattresses already can withstand a burning cigarette, the most likely source of flame in a residence. How many 10 inch open flames do you have in your bedroom? In the case of a house fire if the resident hasn't been awakened by the time the open flames are licking at the bed do you seriously think they could even get out of the house?
By the way have you ever had to handle material with these chemicals on it? Not the kind of thing you would like to snuggle up to. By the way beds and bedding get wet for a variety of reasons, most often with children. These chemicals are then no longer behind the ticking barrier but wicked up to the surface next to your child's skin. Instead of steeping our beds and bedding in chemicals mandate that a smoke and carbon monoxide detector be included with each mattress sale. That will insure that consumers survive a fire by catching it before 10inch open flames are licking at our beds. Please don't turn my bedroom into toxic waste dump.

Regards

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Mattress comment 2

Stevenson, Todd A.

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To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame retardant mattresses

I do not smoke or use candles in my home-that is my choice. I am not at risk for a mattress fire. However due to skin irritation and rashes in my household I need to purchase dye- and fragrance-free products; all cotton, chemical-free feminine hygiene products (European by Internet), and cloth diapers. Once, fabric softener got in one load of laundry and it cost me $90 in medical treatment. What will flame-retardant mattresses do to my family? It will do much more harm than good. I will have to find substitute sources for American-made sleeping products if you force chemicals upon me.

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I HAVE BEEN POISONED ALREADY
STOP THE POISONING OF OUR PEOPLE . ITS WORSE THAN TERRORISM
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People fighting to keep our mattresses and bedding clean from toxic flame retardant chemicals

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(CPSC) opens public comment period on new law to flameproof mattresses, this requires known toxic FR chemicals. Comment period closes March 14, 2005 (Last Chance to Stop this Law!)

This law affects YOU! You and your family will soon sleep in these chemicals for the rest of your lives. Is it safe? We know the chemicals used are very poisonous and are concentrated at the surface of the mattress. These mattresses have never been tested for offgassing or exposure. Our exposure is intimate and chronic. It also adds $100 to the price of new mattresses. In addition to mattresses, the laws also soon require these chemicals in our bedclothes, our mattress pads, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, and pillows.

Happy New Year, Californians can no longer buy a clean mattress without a prescription, the rest of the nation is not far behind. This new law will be effective nationwide within the year. Send comments directly to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov

It requires a lot of poisonous flame retardant chemicals to pass this large open flame test (Click for larger image.)

If our government guesses correctly for us in predicting the future of the next 40 or more years, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we will save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is more close and chronic than any other type of chemical exposure. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours every day. If they are wrong, and they have been frequently wrong in the past, as many flame retardant chemicals have been banned after we find human damage. They could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. The risk is huge. If we later find harm to only 1% of our population, we will have harmed 3 million people. Is the benefit worth the risk? Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm."

Proponents try to tell us: 1) they use inherently flame retardant fibers, not flame retardant chemicals, 2) that Boric Acid has been widely used in innerspring mattresses for more than thirty years, and 3) that they have done due diligence to be sure these chemicals are safe for human exposure in mattresses. None of these statements are true. See above linked words and the rest of this story for rebuttals. These chemicals are not just slightly toxic, they are incredibly poisonous to people. See their Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), References, and contacts who favor or oppose this law below. See the whole story at www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org or simply www.CleanBeds.org were you can also vote and comment on this issue. The Health Sciences Division of the CPSC says more study is needed, yet this will soon become law.

Leading doctors Allan D. Lieberman, M.D., F.A.A.E.M. and Doris J. Rapp, M.D., F.A.A.A., F.A.A.P., who specialize in human chemical exposure, strongly oppose these chemicals in mattresses, and this law. "We live in a very technologically advanced world, which advocates the advantages of these technologies but rarely ever considers the disadvantages or potential harm. ... It seems ill advised to expose hundreds of millions of people to a potential health hazard in order to protect a very few. …. I am absolutely opposed to adding the proposed toxic chemicals to mattresses." Allan D. Lieberman, MD. See their full comments, address, email, and phone by clicking here.

Please do what you can to publicize this issue to get as many people as possible to vote and comment. It is our last chance to stop this law. Please send comments directly to the CPSC: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, Subject: Mattress NPR, or fax 301-504-0127, see full address below.

Risks of FR Law

In spite of warnings from their own Health Sciences Division, the CPSC is rushing this law through. This division of the CPSC warns more study is needed, and that "CPSC staff has previously provided its opinion that boric anhydride and Boric Acid are acutely toxic, ... Moreover, it is staff's opinion that Boric Acid [Yes, the Roach Killer] falls within the CPSC's chronic toxicity guidelines issued under the FHSA. It is a probable reproductive and developmental toxicant in humans, based upon sufficient animal data."(1) Boric Acid/Antimony flame barrier systems are the least expensive choice, and the most widely used. At least one major brand already puts this system in all their mattresses nationwide.

Even though we know infants are unusually susceptible to Boric Acid poisoning, these chemicals are also required in crib mattresses. "In the past, boric acid was used as a topical treatment for infants with diaper rash. However, even in diluted (3%) form it caused significant toxicity and two deaths."

Most people trust government would do due diligence to be sure the chemicals used to make mattresses flame proof are safe for human exposure. If you look at the facts you too will become alarmed.

Besides all California mattresses, Millions of new mattresses nationwide already contain these chemicals in

anticipation of the new law. There no labeling requirements and you can't know what chemicals you are getting.

(The CPSC states consumers couldn't discern a safe system, (2) they are right in that there is no safe choice.)

A new California law already effective Jan 1, 2005, and the new federal flammability standards require mattresses to withstand a 12 inch wide open flame on the side for 50 seconds, and a simultaneous 10 inch wide open flame on the top for 70 seconds, and then not ignite for thirty

minutes, even though a 1973 law already requires mattresses not ignite from a cigarette burning all the way down. To meet this new standard, new mattresses use a barrier system just under the ticking that is filled with known toxic flame retardant chemicals.

The science of toxicology uses high dose short-term chemical exposure on various animals to predict the effect of

low dose long-term exposure on humans. Our risk in mattresses is long-term intense exposure. Science considers type and duration of exposure to determine risk, with chronic exposure to even low doses considered most dangerous. Our exposure in mattresses is literally in your face, full body contact of breathing and absorbing through skin, these chemicals eight hours every day for the rest of our lives. No other type of chemical exposure comes close to the intensity and duration of that in mattresses.

The CPSC lists the following chemicals as the primary ones used in mattress surfaces to meet this law: Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Antimony Trioxide, Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) , Vinylidiene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Melamine, are the main chemicals being used. These chemicals have never been studied for human exposure in mattresses. There are no offgasing studies. Since there is no exposure data the CPSC says a quantitative risk analysis cannot be made.

Therefore they are relying on a qualitative risk assessment, CPSC staff's professional judgment.(3) In other words, they are guessing about exposing 300 million people to these chemicals. If you look at modern scientific reports and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), linked at the bottom of this document, you see that these chemicals are not just slightly toxic, they are incredibly poisonous to people. How we can justify sleeping in these chemicals is incredulous.

The CPSC states two chemical systems are "low risk." The low risk systems include a "Formaldehyde - Melamine system (Melamine Resins)" and a Vinylidiene Chloride system, while more study is needed for other systems:

"Exposure data for antimony, boric acid/zinc borate, and decabromodiphenyl oxide are needed before more definitive conclusions about the potential risk of adverse health effects from these chemicals can be made." (4) "

The CPSC calls Vinylidiene Chloride with Antimony Trioxide (Modacrylic fibers) "Moderate Risk" even though they have no data and quoting the CPSC health sciences division draft of this law "Antimony is regarded as a possible inhalation carcinogen. … There is limited data to suggest that antimony may be released from a polymer matrix. … The results of the limited testing suggest that antimony may be released in measurable quantities from a polymer matrix. … the amount of antimony found in a barrier is expected to be higher than in the polyester fabrics … The amount of antimony migrating from treated barriers is expected to be higher as well." (5)

For the Formaldehyde and other systems the CPSC states they expect the mattress pad and sheets to provide some protection from this chemical exposure. Then they announce they are going after bedclothes next to make

them flameproof, this will require these chemicals in our mattress pads, sheets, blankets, comforters, and pillows.

Ironically the Vinylidene Chloride system they call 'low risk' will not pass the flame test without Antimony Trioxide added. Thus there is really only one system they consider to be 'low risk.'

The CPSC opinion on which barrier systems are low risk is meaningless because most Mattress Manufacturers are actually using the least expensive flame barrier systems that are higher risk, including Boric Acid/Antimony treated cotton barriers, and Modacrylic/Antimony barriers, to flameproof mattresses. Very few use the system the CPSC considers low risk. I question the 'low risk' Melamine Resin system. It is made from the reaction of Melamine and Formaldehyde. It has never been tested for outgassing. It contains free Formaldehyde. The CPSC states Formaldehyde may be released. This may be the highest risk system. It shows there is no safe system. Even melamine gives stones in the urinary bladder and Formaldehyde is known to be very poisonous and cancer causing.

This mattress cutaway shows how Boric Acid is used in mattresses. The layer at the surface is fluffy cotton batting treated with Boric Acid. The layer next to the springs is compressed cotton batting treated with Boric Acid. The law label tells us the mattress contains: 47% Urethane Foam, 39% Treated Cotton, 13% Polyester Fiber. Boric Acid exists as loose dust mixed with the cotton fibers, it is not chemically bound. There can be more than 1.5 pounds of Boric Acid in the surface of a queen mattress. In addition the cotton batting also contains Modacrylic with Antimony Oxide.

There are huge health risks from full body contact and breathing these chemicals eight hours a day for the rest of our lives. Our science warns us many of these chemicals are regarded as carcinogenic. Others are known to be a reproductive and

developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are other effects. Numerous other harmful health effects also exist. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone. People with allergies, asthma, preexisting conditions, fetuses, infants, children, elderly, and other special populations, are probably at even greater risk.

Proponents talk about inherently flame retardant fibers. There are no natural fibers that pass this test. The only inherently flame retardant fibers the CPSC mentions, or that I know of, are Para-Aramids (Kevlar) and Fiberglass. Kevlar is a chemical blend that contains some cancer causing chemicals, though at less than .1%, but it is only used in the thread to hold the flame barriers together. Fiberglass is considered to be as bad as Asbestos.(6) Small particles accumulate in your lungs. Asbestos in buildings is considered safe as long as it is left undisturbed. The chemicals in mattresses are disturbed with every body movement of tossing and turning, pushing chemicals and perhaps glass into our face for us to breathe and absorb. The latency period for Asbestos poisoning is 30 to 40 years. What will it be for mattress poisoning?

Benefits of Law

Proponents estimate this law will save up to 300 people per year from fire -- after ten to fourteen years when all existing mattresses are replaced. Thus, with 300 million people in the US, your fire death risk from untreated mattresses is one in one million. Your or your children's risk of being slowly poisoned from sleeping in toxic chemicals for the rest of your lives is unknown.

According to USA Today, "Though the USA has the world's toughest flame retardancy standards, 3,000 people die in fires each year. The Chemical Manufacturers Association estimates the number would be up to 960 higher without the [1.2 Billion pounds of] flame-retardant chemicals we now use [annually].(7) "From 1980 to 1998, bedroom fires dropped 68 percent and their related deaths by 52 percent, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Why? -- A standard that was enacted in 1973 that prevents mattress ignition from cigarettes. Do we need more regulation?

It seems unrealistic that these chemicals in mattresses

alone will save one-third more people than the current 1.2 billion pounds of flame retardant chemicals we already use annually. If this law eventually saves 50 people it would save one in six million people who are exposed to these chemicals. Your risk of dying in a commercial airline crash is one in fifteen million. We should save every life we can, but what about the risk? Which choice will actually save more lives? Military commanders often have to make life and death decisions. How many would risk one million people to save one? Is this benefit worth the risk?

With no offgassing or exposure data of the poisonous chemicals in mattresses, the CPSC guesses and calls one system 'low risk', and another 'moderate risk', and then translates both to 'negligible risk.' It defies common sense to put 300 million people at even low risk to save 300. What about the millions of unfortunate people who unknowingly get systems in their new mattresses that are considered high risk? The CPSC answers that after we test our entire population other agencies will ban that specific chemical after we find human harm.(8) At this late stage how many millions of people will we have harmed or killed?

Proponents of Law

Look at the innerspring mattress industry who asked for, and pushed very hard for this law. It benefits them by increasing prices, revenue, and profits, and protects their turf by hurting smaller competition with high testing and compliance costs. It benefits the chemical industry who also lobbies for this law. Then look at the facts.

I spoke with the largest mattress retailer in the US who told me: "We can't fight this law. The big innerspring mattress manufacturers are controlled by investment bankers and don't care about people. Plus the chemical companies are multi-billion dollar firms; you can't win against their lobbing efforts."

Opponents of Law

I don't try to hide that I am a mattress manufacturer. I have been in business for thirty years and know a lot about my industry. Since investment bankers do not control me, I started and own 100% of the company, I am free to speak my heart on this issue. The more I research this issue, the more alarmed I become. I have been researching and trying to fight this issue for more than a year and a half. I have spent 1,500 personal hours and thousands of dollars on this project. I have sent at least six letters and numerous emails to thousands of news media. I have gotten some coverage in the trade press.

I would be better off financially if I did nothing to fight this issue and simply let it pass into law. I make memory foam mattresses and waterbeds. Waterbeds without quilted covers are exempt from this law since they will not burn. On my memory foam mattresses I could simply add a barrier like everyone else, raise prices and make more money on the same number of unit sales. Since we couldn't stop this law in California, I recently put up a website called www.PrescriptionBeds.com. Fortunately, the law allows: "a physician, chiropractor, or osteopath" to prescribe a

special mattress free of these chemicals. Strobel makes mattresses that are totally free of flame retardant chemicals and has the special labels and procedures required for prescription beds under the law. Californians and others who are unsure of what chemicals are in new mattresses at least have a choice to get a clean bed with a doctor's prescription. If I can't save everyone I want to save as many as possible from this exposure risk. Still, I would rather stop this law than sell prescription beds or waterbeds, my greater concern is our 300 million people.

We have tried to involve retailers to fight this law with letters and emails to 17,192 retailers, and within four days even got a response from ISPA (International Sleep Products Association, the innerspring mattress manufacturers who started and favor this law). They sent out a Special Edition Newsletter to their members trying to rebut us, to show to retailers. They do admit it requires flame retardant chemicals to meet this law. I have links to their rebuttal, as well as all my sources of research. Many retailers also oppose this law, see: retailer-comments.htm. On request we can send you the full list of retailers who oppose this law and made comments with name, address, phone, and email address.

You will also find links to all the documents published by the CPSC on this issue at Quotes-CPSC.htm. Plus links to studies and reports of previous public health disasters from flame retardant chemicals such as PCB's banned in the 70's that have continuing health and environmental damage to this day. Deca, and Tris, have also been banned.

Brominated flame-retardants are now being found in women's breast milk. If you read my work you will likely come to believe my intentions are pure. It is of course, up to you, if you mention my name or websites. The issue is what is important. As one voter commented: "Why doesn't the media expose the truths for our safety." The huge health risk is very real. Please report this story to protect the public health. Americans should be given the opportunity to send comments to the CPSC on this issue, which directly affects them.

What you can do

People can learn more, vote and leave comments, on this issue at www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org/vote.htm. People can also become a member of our organization PeopleForCleanBeds.org, for free, by simply checking a box on the vote form. We don't ask for money, only support in opposing this crazy law. We will forward your comments to the CPSC. You should also send your comments directly to the CPSC cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, subject: "Mattress NPR", see full mailing address and fax below. It would also be helpful if you could write or call your legislators, find their contact info at law.htm

You should ask CPSC commissioner Hal Stratton if he has read, or is choosing to ignore the warnings of his own health sciences division. He is pushing this law through as fast as possible. Ask him to do one of their stated options, stop this law. When asked about the health dangers of the chemicals used the CPSC responds: Americans are already exposed to over one billion pounds of additional flame retardant chemicals every year. The logic being

that our now sleeping in these chemicals won't hurt us. (Doctors are already concerned about our toxic load.) Then they state that other government agencies are responsible for banning harmful chemicals. (As the say in the pesticide industry, "there are no safe chemicals, only safe use.") Finally they say study will be ongoing, meaning that we are going to test our entire population. Then if we find we have harmed people, that specific chemical will be banned.(8) From what our science knows and tells us about the risks of these chemicals it seems likely we will eventually find human harm. Then it will be too late! How many millions of people will we kill or harm? If it is only 15% of the population it will be 45 million people. This chemical exposure in mattresses literally touches everyone; it has the potential to be our largest public health disaster ever.

We don't seem to learn from our toxic legacies of the past. It would be nice, for once, to have the common sense to prevent this potential disaster. The risk outweighs the benefit.

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Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and Scientific Reports on Chemicals used to flameproof mattresses:

EPA Boric Acid Review, June 2004, Conclusions: "have identified the developing fetus and the testes as the two most sensitive targets of boron toxicity … high prenatal mortality, reduced fetal body weight and malformations and variations of the eyes, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, and axial skeleton … The testicular effects that have been reported include reduced organ weight and organ:body weight ratio, atrophy, … reduced fertility and sterility" http://www.epa.gov/iris/toxreviews/0410-tr.pdf

CDC Boric Acid Review, Health Effects, 1992, Conclusions: "Demonstrated injury to the gonads and to the developing fetus. … Boron (as boron oxide and boric acid dusts) has been shown to cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract in humans. … Boron does cause health effects following acute dermal exposure. … Neonatal children are unusually susceptible to boron exposure. … Neurological damage is an area of concern following exposure to boron … http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp26-c2.pdf

Boric Acid MSDS: "Chronic Exposure: Prolonged absorption causes weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash, convulsions and anemia. Liver and particularly the kidneys may be susceptible."

http://www.rosemill.com/html/msds/chem_boric_acid_msds.pdf

Antimony Oxide MSDS: "Potential Health Effects: ... May cause heart to beat irregularly or stop. … Chronic Exposure: Prolonged or repeated exposure may damage the liver and the heart muscle. Prolonged skin contact may cause irritation, dermatitis, itching, and pimple eruptions. There is an association between antimony trioxide production and an increased incidence of lung cancer." http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/a7236.htm

Vinylidene Chloride MSDS: irritation, symptoms of drunkenness, lung congestion, liver damage, convulsions LONG

TERM EXPOSURE: kidney damage, tumors http://www.matheson-trigas.com/msds/MAT25070.pdf

Decabromodiphenyl Oxide, Brominated Flame Retardant, 82% Bromine Minimum, contains free Bromine, http://www.grchem.com/product-30_e.htm

Bromine MSDS: "Skin Contact: Corrosive! Symptoms may include skin discoloration, pain, serious burns, blistering, and slow healing ulcers. Eye Contact: Corrosive. Can cause blurred vision, redness, pain, severe tissue burns and eye damage. Chronic Exposure: Pulmonary edema, pneumonia, diarrhea, and rashes may be delayed complications of severe exposures." http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/b3905.htm

FORMALDEHYDE MSDS: "POISON! DANGER! SUSPECT CANCER HAZARD. MAY CAUSE CANCER. Risk of cancer depends on level and duration of exposure. VAPOR HARMFUL. HARMFUL IF INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.

CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.
STRONG SENSITIZER. MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE
BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED. CANNOT BE MADE NONPOISONOUS."

http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/F5522.htm

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From: Joyce Mitchell [joyce@canyonbridge.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:14 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Keep chemicals out of mattresses please! Chemicals in many products make me feel ill. My daily quality of life would decrease if fire retardants were in mattresses
-Joyce Mitchell

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From: Shirley M Niemeyer [sniemeye@unlnotes.unl.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 11:07 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR - Comment period - input - please provide to the committee
Importance: High

"Mattress NPR",

The issues of flame retardants added to mattress is a very controversial issue and potentially a major problem in the future - especially as we understand more about the impact of lower levels of chemicals in our bodies. I have often wondered, as I have read about flame retardant chemicals PBDEs appearing in women's breast milk, if this might be due to the direct contact of the infants sleepware (required to be flame retardant for many years) with the women's breast during normal feeding and caring for the baby? It certainly indicates the need for much more research before undertaking a regulation to expand the use of flame retardants to mattresses. We might want to turn our attention instead to requiring a CO and fire alarm in every house and apartment in the US rather than trying to protect all our surfaces from fire. The following items are examples of some of the research going on related to fire retardants and other chemicals in breast milk and in our bodies.

Thank you for considering this comment related to safety and furnishings.

Fireproofing Breastmilk?

High levels of a potentially toxic flame retardant have been found in the breastmilk of US women, according to a September 23, 2003 study released by the Environmental Working Group. **The average amount in American women's milk was 75 times the average found in European women.** This is not a reason to hesitate about breastfeeding. These chemicals, called PBDEs (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) save hundreds of lives each year by preventing or slowing fires. **However, animal studies suggest that some of the PBDEs used as flame-retardants can damage memory, learning, sperm counts, and pubertal development. The good news is that the levels proven to cause these problems in animals are 10 to 20 times the levels found in American breastmilk. The bad news is that levels in humans have doubled since 2001. And we don't know the effect of lower levels. We do not even know how the PBDEs get into women's bodies.** We do know that these are persistent chemicals that bioaccumulate: each time an animal eats another lower in the food chain, the pollutant is stored in the fat, reaching higher and higher levels up the food chain. Perhaps women are getting their PBDEs from the animal fat in meat and dairy products. This then appears in the breastmilk and is passed to nursing babies, one step higher on the food chain. Perhaps woman are inhaling PBDEs directly from the environment. Not surprisingly, they are found in house dust. **They are widely used in the US in carpets, furniture, mattresses, and plastics.** The polyurethane foam used as padding in so many products may be the worst source. Since Europe moved to ban PBDEs, some international manufacturers, such as Ikea, have begun using thicker foam to avoid PBDEs and still meet safety standards for fire resistance.

What should we do? The many proven benefits of breastfeeding far outweigh the potential risks of PBDEs in breastmilk. One thing we need to do is learn the truth about PBDEs. In August, California became the first state in the US to ban two of these chemicals now accumulating in nursing moms

and babies. This makes sense to me. We don't know what levels are safe in animals. And, shockingly, all of the studies to date are animal studies; there have been no studies on their effect in humans. Yet we have chosen to commercialize them and scatter them all around us – in our bedrooms, our kitchens, our offices, our cars, our food, even in mother's milk. I believe we should learn about chemicals such as this **before** giving the green light to make new persistent chemicals virtually unavoidable in our environment!

INTERACTION PROFILE FOR: PERSISTENT CHEMICALS FOUND IN BREAST MILK (CHLORINATED DIBENZO-p-DIOXINS, HEXACHLOROBENZENE, p,p'-DDE, METHYLMERCURY, and POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
May 2004

SUMMARY
Breast-feeding offers the developing infant the benefits of balanced nutrition and passive immunization, but the detection of persistent, environmental chemicals in human breast milk samples from various regions of the world has led to concerns that these chemicals may have detrimental effects on the health and/or development of children. Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs), hexachlorobenzene, p,p'-DDE, methylmercury, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were selected as an important subset of persistent chemicals detected in breast milk for the purposes of reviewing data on their joint toxic actions following oral exposure.
Epidemiological studies in Michigan, North Carolina, New York, the Netherlands, and the Faroe Islands found statistically significant associations between increasing concentrations of particular persistent chemicals found in maternal fluid samples (i.e., PCBs, CDDs, p,p'-DDE, or mercury in cord serum or breast milk) and deficits in motor and cognitive functions in children. The Netherlands and Faroe Islands studies also demonstrated beneficial effects of breast feeding on neurological development. A study of formula-fed monkeys exposed to a PCB mixture from birth to 20 weeks found evidence that lactational exposure to persistent chemicals may contribute to neurodevelopmental deficits. These studies identify mild neurodevelopmental deficits as a possible health hazard, but the results are suggestive that observed deficits may have been associated with gestational rather than lactational exposure to persistent chemicals. These studies do not establish causal relationships between exposure to persistent chemicals in breast milk and neurological deficits. Furthermore, they are not useful for assessment of health hazards specific to a community or scenarios involving exposures to mixtures of CDDs, hexachlorobenzene, p,p'-DDE, methylmercury, and PCBs.
To facilitate exposure-based assessments of possible health effects associated with oral exposures to mixtures of CDDs, hexachlorobenzene, p,p'-DDE, methylmercury, and PCBs in environmental media, food, and/or breast milk, available data on the joint toxic action of mixtures of these breast milk contaminants were reviewed, and the weights of evidence were assessed concerning the mode of joint toxic action of pairs of the five chemicals. Only a limited amount of evidence is available on the existence of greater-than-additive or less-than-additive interactions between a few pairs of the chemicals of concern: (1) hexachlorobenzene potentiation of tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) reduction of body and thymus weights (a greater-than-additive interaction); (2) PCB antagonism of TCDD immunotoxicity (less-than-additive interaction); (3) PCB antagonism of TCDD developmental toxicity (less-than-additive

Organochlorines are a diverse group of synthetic chemicals that include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, and organochlorine pesticides such as dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT), lindane, and hexachlorobenzene. Although use of DDT and PCBs has been banned in the United States since the 1970s, some organochlorine compounds have accumulated and persisted within the environment. As a result, measurable amounts can still be found in human tissue. Because some

organochlorine compounds act as estrogen agonists or antagonists within in vitro and experimental animal systems, a possible association of breast cancer risk with organochlorine exposure has been hypothesized and investigated. Although a few studies support this hypothesis, the vast majority of epidemiological studies do not. While some of these compounds may have other adverse environmental or health effects, organochlorine exposure is not believed to be causally related to breast cancer. Women concerned about possible organochlorine exposure can be reassured that available evidence does not suggest an association between these chemicals and breast cancer.

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From: V [v@alternativemedicine.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 12:17 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: New Mattresses

To Whom it May Concern,

Well it definitely concerns me! I have had an overexposure to toxic environmental containments and I strongly urge you to rethink this! People should definitely have the option to buy a mattress without flame retardant chemicals. Please do not fall into the same trap and unfortunate impact on people's health as the cigerette industry has. Life is truly about choice; please preserve this. I am truly opposed to inflicting chemicals on everyone because many people especially children and people with compromised immune health can have adverse reactions after the fact.

Sincerely,
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From: PEGOFMARIN@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 7:29 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: RE: Comment Against Flame Retardant Mattresses/Bedding

As a mother, attorney and environmentalist I am extremely upset to hear that consideration is being given to requiring untested toxic chemicals to be manufactured into sleeping mattresses. When will the U.S. government wake up to the precautionary principle-unless something is proven safe, it should not be allowed on the market. Instead, the public becomes the guinea pigs. The CDC body burden test results are clear evidence that we are now living toxic beings because of unregulated, untested chemicals.

Please reconsider before you expose even more of us to even more toxins.

Sincerely,
Susan E. Christman
Larkspur, California

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From: Bobbye Middendorf [jasbjm@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 10:25 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: No toxic chemicals in beds and bedding

Hello,
I want to register my comments that toxic chemicals as flame retardants are unproven and potentially dangerous to millions when put into beds.

This initiative should be halted.
No toxic chemicals should be in mattresses.
Bobbye Middendorf
Chicago, Illinois

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From: Hawkins [hawk@california.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2005 8:08 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Concerning Boric Acid in beds.

They have used it for centuries. Where you been. They used it in laundry cleaners and in fabrics for over a century. It is the safer alternative to anything chemicals they would otherwise use.

take care
Joe Hawkins - MCS'er

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From: Anita McMillan [mlangley@olypen.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2005 11:37 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: public comment period on new law to flameproof mattresses

Dear CPSC Staff,

I request that CPSC not require toxic FR chemicals treatments on mattresses to meet the large open flame tests.

I have been informed that Health Sciences Division of the CPSC says more study is needed. Please pursue further study to identify other methods to meet these type of levels of safety. I am very supportive of safety regulations. But I am also very concerned with chemicals that might cause some of us to react negatively. A study of cumulative impacts by various sources of chemicals rather than test for this one single source. The cumulative effects of several different exposures will be what likely pushes some individuals immune systems past their ability to maintain a healty condition.

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From: Nan Peterson [nanp8@charter.net]

Sent: Friday, February 04, 2005 2:43 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: mattress additives

We do not need any more chemicals in our clothing, mattresses and bedding. Please vote against this new law. For those of us who value our health, let's not compromise it with such chemicals as flame retardants. I can't imagine that any added chemicals would be good for one's health and am wondering if these chemicals have been animal tested over a long period of time for toxicity.
Why not work harder at getting smokers to stop smoking, period? It seems like an awfully small percentage of people to pass a law for. If they need the chemicals to keep them from fire hazard, let them get a prescription for a fire retardant bed.
I also understand that when flame retardant pajamas are exposed to fire they adhere to the body. Not a nice thought.
Vote no on more chemicals in our beds.
N Peterson

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From: Darlene Schanfald [darlenes@olympus.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2005 2:49 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flame Retardants

Cease putting chemicals in mattresses and other products.
We already know that these chemicals can cause SIDS, as well as other illnesses. You are supposed to be protecting human health, not damaging it. LEAVE OUT THE CHEMICALS IN ORDER TO HAVE SAFE PRODUCTS AND CUT BANK ON HUMAN HEALTH PROBLEMS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUeNCES.

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From: Albert Rhodes [albert.rhodes@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2005 6:56 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.

STOP PUTTING DEADLY CHEMICALS IN THE PRODUCTS THAT WE BUY!!!!

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From: Richard Bole [rhbole@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2005 5:45 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Fireproofing mattresses

Dear CPSC,

I am a consumer writing to express my concern about new rules mandating enhanced flame retardants in mattresses. I am 27 years old. Until last year I suffered from chronic headaches of unknown cause. After trying a variety of pain killers and other solutions I read an article in Science News about the suspected toxicity of certain chemicals found in mattresses, notably Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidiene Chloride, Boric Acid, Melamine, Formaldehyde, Decabromodiphenyl Oxide, and PBDE. My wife and I replaced our mattress with a chemical free mattress padded with organic cotton and wool. We had to get a doctors permission to do so. I am happy to report that I am now headache free. I cannot definitively link this improvement in my health to the mattress switch, but I have not made any other significant changes to my lifestyle. I take no medications of any kind, and I have not recently switched residences, changed my diet or anything else.

I understand that enhanced fireproofing decreases the risk of burns. I urge you to also consider that the chemicals in mattresses, particularly those involved in fireproofing, may be slowly poisoning our entire population for 6-9 hours every night. There is no scientific consensus about the long-term safety of many of the aforementioned chemicals, particularly PBDE. My wife and I are do not smoke, use candles or light fires in our fireplace. There is a very small chance, therefore, that our bed would ever be exposed to a flame of any kind. We are more than willing to take that risk than we are willing to be continually exposed to untested chemicals that might accumulate in our bodies and cause long-term health problems.

Your proposed rule change that is designed to protect the public health may actually do more harm than good. You would be better served to relax fireproofing standards. This could mean than rather than mandating doctor approval for a chemical free bed, you could simply mandate that retailers demand a consumer signature that accepts responsibility for the increased risk of burns. In any case, the "multiple cigarette" test is already sufficient. "Blow torch" standards are total overkill.

Sincerely,

Richard Bole
Ann Arbor, MI

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From: Dragicevich, Melissa [melissadragicevich@pax.net]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2005 3:24 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I object to the government mandating the use of harmful chemicals to fireproof mattresses. This constitutes a human experiment without consent. I will be more at risk from these chemicals forced upon me each night as I sleep than I am at risk of being a victim of fire. Please do not enact this law.

Melissa Dragicevich

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From: Shula Edelkind [SHULA@feingold.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 8:41 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR - public comment

Dear Sirs,

I could not believe my eyes when I received the information that you are passing a law FORCING me to sleep in chemicals preventing my mattress from catching fire .... but I went to a mattress store and they confirmed it.

In my opinion, anybody stupid enough to smoke in bed DESERVES to burn up. I DO NOT WANT TO BE REQUIRED TO SPEND MY MONEY AND LOSE MY HEALTH TO PROTECT THESE IDIOTS.

I DO NOT WANT MY CHILDREN -- WHO ARE CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE AND DOING JUST FINE NOW WITHOUT YOUR IINTERFERENCE -- TO HAVE TO BREATHE STUFF THAT WILL INJURE THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS THE REST OF THEIR LIFE SO THAT 300 OR SO A-HOLES A YEAR WILL LIVE THRU THEIR STUPIDITY OF SMOKING IN BED.

STOP THIS LAW -- IT WILL BENEFIT NOBODY BUT THE COMPANIES SELLING THE PRODUCTS. IT IS STUPID AND HARMFUL. OH YES --- I forgot -- it will also surely benefit the medical industry and pharmaceutical industry as they try to cope with the avalanche of new illness sleeping in poison will unleash on an unsuspecting public.

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From: Diane Hatz [dhatz@gracelinks.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 10:15 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Spam: Do Not put toxic chemcials in mattresses!

Dear Sirs:

The chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. There have not been adequate (or possibly any) studies done on the health impacts of chemicals such as boric acid in mattresses.

We spend a large portion of our lives in bed - and indoor pollution is already considered to be one of the worst forms of pollution. In addition, the byproduts from manufacturing these products will poison our environments with even more chemicals. We are already at a crisis point with the environment - isn't it time we look to natural and green solutions to our problems?

Please, do NOT pass a law requiring flame retardant chemicals to be put into mattresses. You must conduct long term health studies before you can even consider doing something such as this.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Diane Hatz

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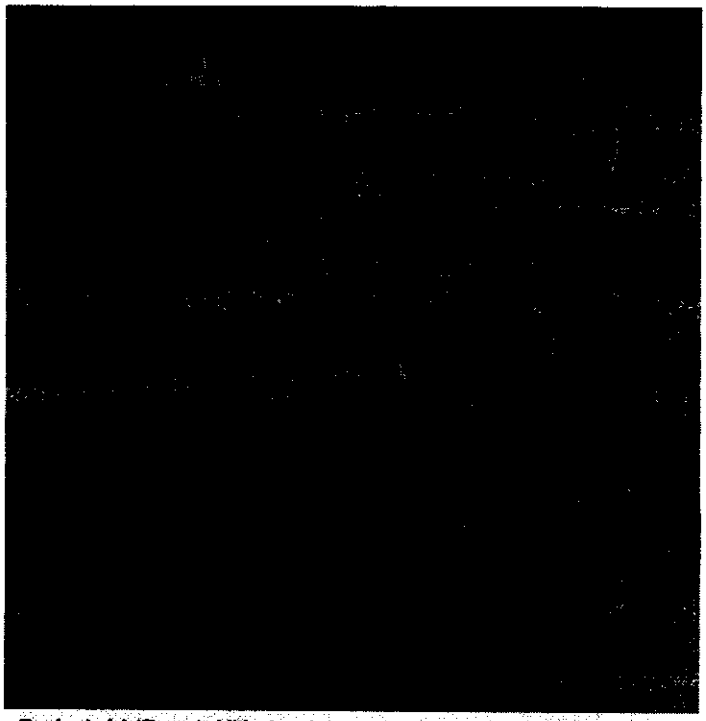
From: Magicgershep@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 2:55 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Flameproof Mattresses that Kill

The innerspring mattress industry went to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and asked for, and strongly supports, this new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. The chemical industry also lobbies for this law. It is an example of government gone crazy with overregulation, without an act of Congress. It adds about $100 to the price of new mattresses. It makes no sense to expose 300 million people to even 'low risk,' to optimistically save 300 from fire. We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals. When asked about health risks, the CPSC responds, "We are already exposed to over one billion additional pounds of flame retardant chemicals every year." Our exposure in mattresses is unlike any other. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours every day for the rest of our lives. These chemicals are also required in healthcare and crib mattresses. The CPSC is ignoring the warnings of their own health sciences division, who says more study is needed, and is rushing this law through. These flameproof mattresses have never been studied for human exposure. These chemicals are already in millions of mattresses nationwide in anticipation of the new law.



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If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. **If they are wrong**, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. **The risk is huge.** Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm."

See the whole story at www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org where you also can vote and leave comments. See the proponent's side of the story at www.sleepproducts.org. As of 1-1-05, this law is already effective in California. The law will be enacted nationwide by the CPSC within the year unless our comments can stop it. Please send comments directly to the CPSC: email: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, fax: 301-504-0127, mail: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001 Comments should be captioned "Mattress NPR." One opponent wrote: **Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.**

Ruth N. Fulton
German Shepherd Rescue - Southeast PA

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From: sarah forbes [shforbes@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 1:02 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Cc: sarah forbes
Subject: POTENTIAL SPAM: No to Boric Acid added to bedding

Hello CPSC,

Thanks for all your good work to date.

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the addition of Boric Acid and other chemicals (flame retardants) to mattresses. I am strongly opposed to the use of these dangerous and highly toxic chemicals. Our family sleeps on our beds 6-11 hours each and every night breathing whatever off-gasses or flakes from the mattresses. Our house has 8 smoke detectors in it- we will know if there is a fire in the house before it reaches anyones mattress.

I have pre-school aged children, one who has asthma. I had an extremely difficult time finding a chemical free mattress for them. I finally bought a wool filled futon with a natural canvas cover- it had to be custom made and we aren't wealthy. It shouldn't of been that difficult to obtain chemical-free mattress.

We are very conscious of what chemicals we use- we buy non-toxic household cleaners, organic foods and we don't dry clean so we can avoid as many "pollutants" as possible. I do not want dangerous chemicals in my or my children's beds.

Please do not approve the use of flame retardants on mattresses. There have not been enough studies to understand the risks of intimate-long-term contact. And the benefit is SO small it is not worth the risks and the costs associated with it.

Thank you,

Sarah Forbes

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From: Ken Danis [KDanis@bastyr.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 1:17 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

Subject: fir regulations - I oppose!

I **oppose** the proposed infusion of mattresses with chemical flame retardants. Why are you wanting to put known cancer causing substances in my bed?

Kenneth Danis
Bastyr University Bookstore Manager
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From: Lyn Adelstein [ladelstein@artismundus.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 2:31 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

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Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm.[2]

Do not experiment with our lives without our consent! Do your job, and do the necessary TESTING before innocent babies, children, adults and the elderly are exposed to yet more toxic chemicals!

Thank you.

Lyn Adelstein

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: jamestownnews [jamestownnews@northstate.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 4:02 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Chemicals in mattresses

This is a personal message not associated with the newspaper.
I think this project (adding chemicals to mattresses to flame proof) deserves more study before being put into effect. I know too many people with lung problems that do not need additional chemicals forced into their environment. Norma Dennis

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Natalie [nsadler@mindspring.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 11:37 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: NO Flame retardant chemicals on bedding

I do not want any chemicals of any kind on my bedding, and I want the right to have that choice without a prescription. My vote is NO to the flame retardant on bedding.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Daniel Snyder [mags1164@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 1956 8:35 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

I am writing to beg, ask, complain, that the inclusion of flame retardant on the surface of mattresses not be mandated. Please do not force a chemical experiment on humans without our consent.

Specifically, I am opposed to forced use of Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidiene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide

(Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) which are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone.

Do not side with the marketing of chemicals over the protection of consumers, the task your agency is charged with. Thank You, Daniel Snyder, Olympia WA.

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From: Amanda Erath [amanda.erath@fpanet.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 12:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Public Comment

February 10, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose a nationwide law requiring the fireproofing of mattresses. The chemicals which would be used in order to comply with this law have not been sufficiently tested. It is foolish to put millions of people at risk in order to save roughly 300 people a year. If this law is passed I can assure you I will never purchase a conventional mattress again.

Sincerely,

Amanda Erath
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Denver, CO 80218

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Ladyhawkts@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 11:00 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Stop Toxic Flame Retardants in Mattresses

To Whom It May Concern:

I cannot imagine anything more dangerous and ignorant than putting toxic chemicals in our beds! The body runs a detoxification and renewal cycle while we sleep that can only be burdened by yet MORE chemicals being emitted from the bed on which it is resting! Specialty mattress manufacturers have used naturally flame retardant materials such as natural, organic wool for years in safe mattress construction and the industry needs to follow their lead. General fire prevention can be done by other means, but we have no choice but to breathe what is in the air around us wafting out of our mattresses! The proposed law would result in yet another toxic chemical 'experiment' done without informed consent on the human population as a whole while rates of cancer, asthma, and degenerative disease skyrocket and everyone shakes their head in dismay and hides their head in the sand from the fact that we are poisoning ourselves out of existence! In mattress construction as in all other areas the Precautionary Principle must be adopted - a chemical must be proved safe before it is used. Why have chemicals been given the constitutional right of 'innocent until proven guilty' but the constitutional rights of millions of human citizens to 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness' has been denied through the poisoning of our bodies and the disastrous health effects we suffer? Let's get our priorities straight: manufactured products are here to serve people not endanger them. We all have the residue of thousands - if not tens of thousands- of chemicals in our bodies which were unknown in our grandparent's generation. Many are now known to be endocrine disrupters. Our task in this critical hour is to halt and reverse this trend before the damage to the human gene pool is irreversible. We need to make a law FORBIDDING the use of toxic materials in mattresses, not requiring it!

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Rhonda Gilliam [rgonvsh@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 12:44 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress flame-proofing law

The innerspring mattress industry went to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and asked for, and strongly supports, this new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. The chemical industry also lobbies for this law. It is an example of government overregulation gone crazy, WITHOUT an act of Congress. This "flame proofing" adds about $100 to the price of new mattresses. But more importantly, it makes no sense to expose 300 million people to these dangerous chemicals to optimistically save 300 from fire.

We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. Boric Acid, Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidiene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Exposures to these chemicals must stop. Already brominated flame retardant has been found in women's breast milk. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin causing high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some of these effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone.

Our exposure in mattresses is unlike any other. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress.Therefore, we have full body and breathing contact seven to eight hours every day for the rest of our lives. These chemicals are also required in healthcare and crib mattresses, exposing your infant to this chemical for their entire lives. The CPSC is ignoring the warnings of their own health sciences division, who says more study is needed, and is rushing this law through. These flameproof mattresses have never been studied for human exposure. The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and cannot do a quantitative risk analysis. Instead, they say they are doing a qualitative analysis, by relying on staff's professional judgment. In other words, they are guessing. They say study will be ongoing, meaning they will use our entire population as test subjects, and if they later find human damage, it will be the responsibility of other government agencies to ban that specific chemical. And guess who will get stuck with the medical bills for thousands of people who develop chemical sensitivities or allergies or asthma or heart problems: the government and its taxpayers. In advance of the law, CPSC has okayed the use of these chemicals in millions of mattresses nationwide in anticipation of the new law's smooth sailing through regulators.

What does CPSC say about this issue? When asked about health risks, the CPSC responds, "We are already exposed to over one billion additional pounds of flame retardant chemicals every year." Pardon me, but I find this illogical assumption appalling. The irresponsibility in this statement is obvious. We cannot afford to expose ourselves to more chemicals and more chemicals. Already warning signs are appearing in our country with the increases in childhood asthma and other respiratory illnesses as well as a notable rise in people who report sensitivities to multiple chemicals. Where does it stop? I hope it stops with more responsible government, but I must admit that for the next four years, I have little hope in that.

Sincerely,

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From: Gustafson, Michelle [mgustafson@RHEMA.ORG]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 12:47 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress NPR

> Please do NOT pass this law allowing chemicals to be put on the
> mattresses. They are deadly chemicals! Why would you allow 1/5 lbs. of roach killer on a mattress?!?!? It's POISON! It makes no sense to breathe in poisonous fumes all night long, and yet be protected from the mattress catcing on fire?
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> I'm am forwarding this information to all my family and friends about
> this! Please protect us and do NOT allow this to continue!
>
> A very concerned consumer,
> Michelle Gustafson,
> Broken Arrow, OK
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From: E.L. [w5cml@dobsonteleco.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2005 2:00 PM
Cc: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Mattress

**Donot let the people that make mattresses put Chemicals in them to fire proof them , Instead take cigerettes and lighter away . **
This chemical has not been tested and there is no use in fixing this type thing after the fact .

Thank you .

E.L. Fowler
Sweetwater , Ok.

Is it safe to sleep in Roach Killer powder? Is the benefit worth the risk? CPSC public comment period on proposed law to flameproof mattresses ends 3-14-05. (Last Chance to Stop Law) Send comments direct to CPSC: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

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We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals. When asked about health risks, the CPSC responds, "We are already exposed to over one billion additional pounds of flame retardant chemicals every year." Our exposure in mattresses is unlike any other. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours every day for the rest of our lives. These chemicals are also required in healthcare and crib mattresses. The CPSC is ignoring the warnings of their own health sciences division, who says more study is needed, and is rushing this law through. These flameproof mattresses have never been studied for human exposure. These chemicals are already in millions of mattresses nationwide in anticipation of the new law.

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Boric Acid (Roach Killer) exists as loose dust mixed with the cotton batting. There is 1.5 lbs of Boric Acid in the surface of a Queen mattress. Antimony Trioxide is also included in the mixture. This is the least expensive system to flameproof mattresses. Boric Acid, Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidiene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone, if our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from

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Sweetwater, OK 73666.

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From: Kimberly Simmons [kcs@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2005 9:54 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Potential Spam: Fireproofing mattresses

Please add my voice to those concerned about requiring the addition of toxic chemicals to mattresses and bed clothes. I fear cancer much more than a fire and can fireproof my bedroom in many other ways.

Please reconsider this proposal!

Sincerely,

Kimberly C. Simmons, Ph.d.
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Cumberland, ME 04021

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From: Pat Lee [patl@fmafabtech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2005 11:44 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: stop the new flame retardant law for mattresses

It is absolutely ludicrous to put fire retardant into mattresses and expect humans to breathe these toxic chemicals while we sleep -- a time when our bodies are supposed to be resting and detoxifying. For what? So a few idiots who are stupid enough to smoke in bed won't burn in case they fall asleep with a lit cigarette in their hand?
Is this a case of the big chemical industry lobby and the tobacco industry lobby working together to reduce the American population so China and India can truly rule the world?
I've had multiple chemical sensitivities for more than 15 years and say to the government -- stay out of my bedroom! It's hard enough to live a healthy low chemical lifestyle in America today -- I don't need you to make it even harder

Patricia Lee
Rockford, IL