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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Expanding the Tris-Free Children & Babies Act

A.4741 – Sweeney

S.3703 – Grisanti

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to expanding the TRIS-free children and babies act

JUSTIFICATION

Tris refers specifically to triphosphates, a type of chlorinated organophosphorus compound used as flame retardants in common household products. These chemicals have been found in almost all treated wastewater and are common emerging contaminants according to a 2002 USGS study analyzing 139 streams across the U.S. Over time, products containing these chemicals release the TCDPP, TCEP, or TCPP toxins, which attach to dust particles in the air. Tris chemicals are possible carcinogens and pose a public health risk, particularly to fetuses and small children.

In 2011, New York became the first state to ban TCEP in products for children under the age of three. This was an important step in protecting children from unnecessary exposure to harmful chemicals, but it does not go far enough. **New York State must build on this important public health law and strengthen the protection of our children's health by banning Tris chemical - TDCPP.**

SUMMARY

Amends subdivision 2 of §37-0703 of the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the use of TRIS (1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TDCPP) in certain child care products.

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A.4741/S.3703 – EXPANDING TRIS-FREE BABIES & CHILDREN ACT**

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