

SULA NYC

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Congressman Frank Pallone
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Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Leonard Lance
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Dear Congressmen:

As a manufacturer of organic skin care with facilities in NJ I take pride in my products: quality and safety are key; I want customers to benefit and enjoy - not their health jeopardized or damaged. We select natural or organic certified ingredients from all over the world, adhere to strong regulations (in Japan we pass the pharmaceutical laws) and are the first US organic skin care company that's also signatory to UN Global Compact.

Recently, we supported the Feinstein initiative - a good start, but not really globally leading - and as American Citizen I feel we need to lead to protect customers - not to follow. So, I am pleased with your initiative with your draft and thank you for that. However, I have concerns and suggestions and would definitely ban toxic chemicals, starting with personal care products and cosmetics.

My key concerns:

Toxic cosmetic ingredients are ending up inside our bodies, reproductive systems and these chemicals impact our environment, free radical elements we are exposed to and our drinking water, adding to our daily dose hazardous chemicals in food.

Our laws are not adequately updated for a generation and has loopholes that allow toxic and dangerous chemicals related to cancer, birth defects and illnesses in the products we use every day.

FDA's own website states they do not conduct pre-market testing or review of the safety of cosmetic chemicals.

My natural and organic industry will benefit by federal rules and regulations that will help us make more safe and sustainable products - and our customers demand safe products. There are plenty alternatives who deliver on efficacy, green chemistry and safety.

May I please suggest to revise your draft to expand and strengthen the scope and impact of the bill: - include all and ensure they use safe products and a healthy home and work environment. Transparency on ingredients, studies and a Body of Knowledge that can enforce to safeguard products and environments.

Regulators like the FDA elsewhere in the world have more instruments and legislations - we are following Europe - compare it to a marathon race: they almost finished - and we just started.

As a manufacturer of organic and natural cosmetic products we welcome self-certification on of the safety of cosmetic ingredients in our products, based on the same criteria as applied by the FDA (I think it's section 608/d/5).

As we at SULA NYC are committed to fight animal cruelty as well - and support Leaping Bunny, The Humane Society of the United States and PETA- may we kindly request you to initiate and support efforts to stop animal testing - it's inhumane and better alternatives are available.

We are a small business, but harmful components and toxic effects concerns all of us. Please help to keep all of us safe.

Respectfully,

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