

Let's all get behind Rep. Mary Lou Marzian's Bill to ban BPA from baby bottles & sippy cups!

Eboni Cochran, mother, Louisville resident and President of Rubbertown Emergency Action (REACT): "We are elated to hear that Kentucky has joined the fight to reduce our exposure to toxic chemicals. This is especially important for people living near chemical facilities like Rubbertown where we are not only exposed to toxics in consumer products but also in our neighborhoods. We applaud Rep. Marzian and hope this is the beginning of many steps taken to support better health and a better quality of life for families."

Ashley Cochran, mother, cancer survivor and resident of Berea: "I am excited that so many state legislatures are willing to step up and take the lead on toxic chemical reform. These much-needed legislative changes will protect our health, and move us closer toward the day when we will know that chemicals in products around us have been tested and proven safe for the health of humans and our environment. I am proud that Kentucky's Rep. Marzian is part of this movement to protect our health, and particularly the health of our children!"

Dr. Elizabeth Walker, Health Studies Professor at Berea College: "A growing number of studies show that BPA can lead to breast and prostate cancer, babies with birth defects, obesity, diabetes, and other health problems. 93% of Americans have measurable levels of BPA in our blood. We can't avoid it because it is used in so many products, none of which are labeled to show us that they contain BPA. For the health of ourselves and our children, we need to ban this substance. I am so glad to hear that Kentucky will now be considering a bill to ban BPA from baby bottles and sippy cups sold here. It's a good start to protect the youngest and most vulnerable of us."

Greg Capillo, Toxics and Health Coordinator for the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and resident of Lexington: "In the past several years several companies have removed BPA from infant and children's products. But not enough have, and in the absence of federal action on BPA, states must step in to protect our health. This is not about government control; it's about taking practical steps to reduce risks of cancer and other devastating diseases."