We are voicing our opposition to policies that protect the chemical industry at the expense of people’s health; but also excitement for the possibilities ahead. As we search for our new Executive Director, we are seeking a candidate that can navigate the choppy waters of these times with great power. At their disposal will be the power of you all, a strong community that stands up and demands what is right time and time again.

Even while Congress has grinded to a halt, we have made gains for the health of our families and products; and more power each day. And we have made major gains, even in these times:

- We created the Health First Roadmap, a guide for cleaning product companies to make safer products.
- We held a bill in Ca to require ingredient disclosure for cleaning products;
- We passed another in Ca to require disclosure for sober products;
- We have introduced federally and in New York to require disclosure for non-marketable products;
- We wrote the Health First Hearing, a guide for cleaning product companies to make safer products; and
- We expanded the, we ask regulating companies industry.

As we look to the future, we know that we can continue to win on the issues we care about. We can diffuse the worst of this. Thank you for your commitment to this work, and for being alongside us. Together, we will keep rising on these changing tides.

With gratitude,
DONOR SPOTLIGHT
requiring free period products
of New York kicked things off
Member Linda B. Rosenthal
because this iconic brand uses products.
summer's Eve, and signing a petition. We all took action
up the phone and calling 'Self-Cleaning Vagina' and 'Quit
'to protest Summer's Eve headquarters in
'we were all there to understand how
inconsistency is hurting companies, and it's hurting our health.
press to 'quit the quats'. This year, we launched the 'Quit
'does not prove'—it is an unproven
products to include all ingredient information on the product label. Because of the size of California's economy, this will have a real national impact.
that disinfectants will 'kill germs' and keep us healthy, when in reality,
children encounter them every single day. Yet, kids are not involved in the
This summer, more than 40 advocates, hair stylists, and nail technicians gathered in Sacramento to share their stories about chemicals in the environment. This means that workers are subject to handling products only applied to retail cosmetics, excluding professional salon products like hair dyes, straighteners and gel nails. This meant that workers were subject to handling products that made releasing this expose dangerous of all three.

The Health First Roadmap Aims to Define "Safe"

When it comes to cleaning products, every company has its own definition of what is "safe" and what is "toxic." This results in inconsistent language, and it's impossible for the average consumer to know what chemicals are in a product. That's why, over the last few years, we have developed and released the Roadmap to Safe Chemicals, a straightforward approach that lays out a path for companies to improve how they evaluate and report on ingredients, as well as to get toxic substances out of our homes, and in our bodies.

All companies claim that their products are safe. But we know that this is not the case. For example, the CIR has declared the vast majority of some their most damaging ingredients to be "safe". This was based on the "general consensus of experts" at the CIR, a panel whose role is to assess ingredients. The CIR also considers the work of the FDA, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, both of which have declared some ingredients to be "safe". Yet, these ingredients are still used in products that are put on our skin, in our homes, and in our bodies.

Our CIR report is now being reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). We urge the CPSC to ensure that manufacturers of household products are held accountable for their actions. We also urge the FDA to enact legislation that will improve the safety of personal care products. Contrary to what some companies claim, evidence suggests that some personal care products contain chemicals that can cause cancer and other health problems.

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