

# Memorandum

**To:** Members of the House of Representatives  
**From:** Representative Lawrence H. Curry  
**Date:** January 7, 2011  
**Re:** Co-Sponsorship Legislation – (BPA) Banning harmful chemicals (Bisphenol A) in plastics in baby bottles

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that would prohibit the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in baby bottles, other child care items, and toys.

Bisphenol A is an estrogen-like chemical that has been suspected of disrupting human growth. This chemical can be especially dangerous for infants and toddlers and can be found in baby bottles, training cups, and formula cans. For several years, the plastic industry has added BPA to hard, clear, durable plastics, such as water bottles that are made out of polycarbonates.

The plastic industry has reacted and is producing materials that are “BPA-free.” While it is encouraging that the industry is responding to this crisis, I feel legislation is needed to ensure that BPA is no longer used in infant and toddler products. By banning Bisphenol A, we can provide parents with some piece of mind when feeding their children.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Nancy Porvaznik via e-mail [nporvazn@pahouse.net](mailto:nporvazn@pahouse.net) or by phone at (717) 783-1079/ In-House Ext: # 6532.