

Health, Environment and Chemicals

WHEREAS toxic chemicals are harming public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, federal law does not provide sufficient chemical safety information for consumers, businesses and workers and fails to create incentives to develop safer alternatives;

WHEREAS, the majority of chemicals in commerce have not undergone safety testing;

WHEREAS, children are most vulnerable to health impacts from toxic chemical exposure;

WHEREAS, the cost of treating Minnesota's children for health effects due to environmental factors is significant;

WHEREAS, in the absence of strong federal authority, Minnesota must continue to pass policies that protect public and environmental health, particularly the health of children;

WHEREAS, state leadership on chemicals policy is critical to advancing federal action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The _____ Party supports policy that prohibits toxic chemicals in children's products sold in Minnesota.