

Testimony in Favor of the Safer Alternatives Bill

H-757 & S-442,

An act for a competitive economy through safer alternatives to toxic chemicals

Hearing before the Joint Committee on Environment Natural Resources & Agriculture

November 2, 2009

Panel One

Erin Boles, Mass Breast Cancer Coalition & for the Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow

The AHT Coalition includes 160 member organizations representing public health advocates, parents, unions, medical professionals, scientists, environmental advocates, and community groups and individuals across the state

Joel Tickner Ph.D

Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Lowell where he is also a Principal Investigator at the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production. His training is in toxics chemicals policy, epidemiology, risk assessment, and pollution prevention.

Nicholas. A. Ashford, Ph.D., JD

Professor of Technology and Policy at the MIT. He holds both a Ph.D. in Chemistry and a Law Degree from the University of Chicago, where he also received graduate education in Economics. Dr. Ashford also holds adjunct faculty positions at the Harvard and Boston University Schools of Public Health.

Panel Two

Robert Haynes, President Mass AFL-CIO

Ed Collins, Executive Vice President Mass AFL-CIO

The Mass AFL-CIO is the state's largest labor federation, representing 400,000 working families from over 750 local unions in the building and construction trades, public, and service and industrial sectors.

Tolle Graham, Mass Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health

Beth Rosenberg ScD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health & Family Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine. Her training is in occupational and environmental health.

Panel Three

Mark Rossi, Ph.D

Research Director, Clean Production Action, Co-author of report "Healthy Business Strategies for Transforming the Toxic Chemical Economy" and the "Green Screen for Safer Alternatives."

Tedd Saunders

Executive VP and Director of Environmental Affairs of Saunders Hotel Group, and the President of Eco-Logical Solutions, one of the hospitality industry's leading environmental management consulting firms.

Berl Hartman

Co-founder and Co-Leader, the New England Chapter of Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2.) A senior marketing executive and entrepreneur whose focus is on Cleantech and Clean Energy companies.

Panel Four

Lynn Wolbarst

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, Environment and Natural Resources Specialist.

Laura Everett, Associate Director, Mass Council of Churches

Panel Five

Maddie Ribble, Director of Advocacy and Media, Mass Public Health Association

Ellie Goldberg, Vice-president, Legislation, Mass Parent Teacher Association

Susie Davidson, Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life

Panel Six

Debbie Fastino, Coalition for Social Justice/Coalition Against Poverty

Margo Golden, Women's Community Cancer Project

Panel Seven

Marcia Cooper, President, Green Decade Coalition/Newton

Cheryl Patry, Medfield Green

Alan Krentzel, Sudbury Earth Decade Coalition

Megan Amundson, Political Director, Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters

Panel Eight Available after 1 pm

Ken Geiser Ph.D.

Professor of Work Environment at the University of Massachusetts Lowell where he is also the Co-Director of the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production, a center that promotes sustainable solutions in chemical management and product design. Dr. Geiser helped write the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act.

Dr. Maricel Maffini (Ph.D)

Dr. Maffini is a Research Assistant Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Maffini's expertise comprises the fields of endocrinology and cancer biology. Dr. Maffini conducts research on gestational exposures to very low, environmentally relevant doses of the synthetic estrogen bisphenol-A (BPA) and its effect on the female reproductive system.

Lee Ketelsen

New England Director Clean Water Action

Clean Water Action is a national environmental organization with a Massachusetts chapter with over 30,000 family members.