

## TESTIMONY FOR HB0643 PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – INGREDIENT PROHIBITION

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Palakovich-Carr

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position: FAVORABLE** 

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0643 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Wow. What are we putting on our skin? Five of the chemicals listed in this bill are registered pesticides by the EPA. The rest are also harmful and possibly as toxic.

This bill would prohibit the manufacture or sale of products containing these toxic chemicals in Maryland, unless the products were manufactured through processes that were attempting to comply with the regulation, or unless they contain only trace amounts of the chemicals.

Since most people are unaware of the toxicity of these chemicals, prohibiting them seems like the responsible thing to do.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.