

Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1901 (Berman) Request for signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing to urge you to sign Assembly Bill 1901 (Berman) into law. This bill would require diaper manufacturers to clearly and fully disclose their diapers' ingredients to the public - both on the diaper package and online. Parents and caregivers need this critical information to protect their children's health.

Three years ago we welcomed twins into our family, and set out to create a healthy home environment for them. I was soon shocked to learn about the countless problematic chemicals that our babies are exposed to when wearing diapers. So I joined forces with HealthyBaby, a clean diaper manufacturer, to advocate for cleaner and more transparently made diapers.

The first years of a baby's life matter profoundly. It is estimated that 85% of a baby's lifetime brain development takes place within the first 5 years. During this critical window, our children are wearing diapers day and night - all while one million neural connections are forming every single second.

We also know that a newborn's skin is significantly thinner and more permeable than that of an adult and can more readily absorb certain chemicals. Yet despite this extraordinary level of exposure, parents cannot access information about the ingredients and materials most brands use in their child's diapers. That disconnect is why this bill matters.

AB 1901 is not a ban. It does not prohibit ingredients. It does not tell parents what choices to make. And it does not tell manufacturers what materials they may

use. It simply ensures that parents have access to information so they can choose what's best for their children's health.

Parents are not asking for proprietary formulas, supplier contracts, manufacturing processes, or ingredient percentages. They simply want to know what materials have been intentionally added to a product that comes into direct contact with their baby's sensitive skin.

The bill's requirement for companies to disclose raw materials, chemical names, and CAS numbers serves an important purpose. This information helps clinicians, researchers, regulators, and parents identify ingredients accurately and consistently. The answer to confusion is not less information. It is better information.

At its core, AB 1901 is about transparency and informed choice. Parents know what ingredients are in the food they feed their babies. They should also know what ingredients are in the products their babies wear 24 hours a day.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to sign AB 1901 into law.

Thank you.

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