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I am extremely disappointed that OEHHA is proposing to continue to allow food companies to keep us in the dark about the toxic chemical BPA in canned foods. Food companies have known for more than a year that the warning law was coming, yet the proposal would give them until December 2017 to inform us when their products expose us to this dangerous chemical.

BPA is known to cause birth defects and has been linked to breast cancer, prostate cancer, obesity, diabetes and numerous other serious health concerns. Given that many companies have already eliminated BPA from their canned foods, the state's proposal is unfair both to consumers and to these responsible businesses.

Food labels are the "clear and reasonable" way to inform consumers when products can expose us to BPA. It is simply unreasonable to require that consumers 1) see small signs posted at cash registers 2) have access to a smart phone and 3) and search a public database to ensure the product they selected doesn't have BPA all while waiting in line to pay for their groceries. Experience and common sense suggest that most consumers will remain uninformed by these methods. Consumers need the information on products while they're in the aisles selecting products.

I urge OEHHA to withdraw this irresponsible proposal and enforce the law that requires all companies to warn us when their products expose us to BPA by labeling products now.

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