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The Alaska School Nurses Association strongly supports efforts by the Alaska Legislature to ban toxic flame retardants in all children's products. We hope that 2019 will be the year that legislation removing these harmful chemicals will finally be passed.

School nurses closely follow issues affecting the health of our youth. We recognize the documented harmful effects of flame retardants, including developmental disabilities, thyroid function impairment, birth defects and cancer. Persistent exposure contaminates fish and wildlife and these toxins can accumulate in the food chain. We strongly support efforts at both the state and municipal level in Alaska to ban these substances.

Fortunately, there are safer, economically viable alternatives to toxic flame retardants. Please consider and pass legislation that will help make Alaska a healthier place in which to live and raise a family.

Sincerely,

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