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### **Testimony in Support of “An Act to Reduce Asthma by Using Safer Alternatives to Cleaning Products” S. 1224 and H. 2378**

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Good morning, and thank you for this opportunity to testify.

MPHA would like to express its support for “An Act to Reduce Asthma by Using Safer Alternatives to Cleaning Products” (S. 1224 and H. 2378).

The social and economic benefits of public health policies are well-documented. Public health policies save lives, reduce illness and injury, prevent costly medical expenses, and keep children in school and adults at work.

Simply put, these bills are good public health policy: They protect children and adults from needless exposure to dangerous toxins, helping prevent asthma and other health problems.

We urge the committee to provide these bills favorable support, and urge the Legislature as a whole to approve them.

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