

ADVISORY FOR May 22, 2012

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Alaskans Descend on Capitol for a “National Stroller Brigade”
Moms, Nurses, Cancer Survivors, Highlight Science Showing Early Origins of Disease from Toxic Chemicals

Washington, DC -- Hundreds of moms, nurses and cancer survivors will gather at the U.S. Capitol to demand action on toxic chemicals. The group is rallying in support of Senator Frank Lautenberg’s (D-NJ) Safe Chemicals Act, a bill to overhaul antiquated laws governing toxic chemicals.

The National Stroller Brigade builds on 30 local events in support of the Safe Chemicals Act, in locations as diverse as Little Rock and Omaha. Hundreds of moms – many with children in tow – flew or bused into Washington to deliver 125,000 petition signatures to their Senators.

Moms are descending upon Washington in response to an investigative series by the Chicago Tribune, which exposed the chemical industry’s deceptive lobbying tactics to protect toxic chemicals. This article was featured in the print edition of the Anchorage Daily News on Sunday, May 13. Leaders from each state will also deliver the thousands of petition signatures asking their Senators to support the Safe Chemicals Act.

WHO: Hundreds of Moms from around the country and their children, Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Matthew Zachary, a young adult cancer survivor and Founder of Stupid Cancer, Sonja Tobiessen, a retired special education teacher from Alaska, and Samantha Englishoe, a policy coordinator from Anchorage.

WHAT: “Stroller Brigade” and meetings with Members of Congress to follow

WHERE: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC
Between Constitution Avenue NE and 1st Street NE Senate side of the East Front Lawn of the Capitol
Join virtually by following #StrollerBrigade

WHEN: May 22, 2012: 10:00 AM EST, (6am AKDT) – Press Conference
11:00 AM EST, (7am AKDT) – Stroller Brigade

VISUALS: Dozens of strollers and hundreds of moms at Capitol. Moms delivering contaminated nursing pillows to their Senators with the message: “This is unacceptable” written in magic marker.