



March 11, 2015

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein,

The Endocrine Society would like to thank you for introducing the BPA in Food Packaging Right to Know Act. We applaud the recognition that EDCs such as BPA continue to be a source of known and potential concern for the health and well being of consumers in the United States. The results from many studies on the effects of BPA in experimental systems and in humans by Endocrine Society members provides sufficient evidence for health concerns such that consumers should be provided with labeling information. EDCs such as BPA are ubiquitous in a consumer's environment due to their use in plastic bottles, food cans and beverage containers. Additionally, it is difficult to assess BPA exposure due to its use in manufacturing processes. Consequently, consumers who are concerned about chemical exposures may understandably be uncertain as to what extent the products they purchase contain BPA. The BPA in Food Packaging Right to Know Act is therefore necessary to ensure that this information is available to consumers so they can understand and control the extent of their exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals.

Founded in 1916, the Endocrine Society is the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization devoted to research on hormones and the clinical practice of endocrinology. The Society's membership of over 18,000 includes basic and clinical researchers dedicated to curing disease through biomedical research. Many of our researchers are also leading experts on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) and the health effects of Bisphenol-A.

The Endocrine Society is most appreciative of your leadership in this area and we are pleased to endorse the BPA in Food Packaging Right to Know Act. We would be happy to work with you as the legislation develops, and in any other ongoing efforts to support appropriate approaches to reduce the risks associated with exposure to EDCs. If we can be of any assistance in your efforts, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time by contacting Mila Becker, Senior Director of Advocacy & Policy Programs at mbecker@endocrine.org.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Fish".

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