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M.P. KADIS SEES RESULTS WITH CHEMICAL RETARDANT PUT ON CANADA'S LIST OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES

OTTAWA, July 14th, 2006, Susan Kadis, Member of Parliament for Thornhill was pleased that the Government of Canada has given notice to put polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE's) on the Canada's list of toxic substances as recently articulated in the Canada Gazette. The chemical, which acts as a flame retardant in many household items, has been linked to conditions such as thyroid hormone disruption, symptoms of attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders in children. Mrs. Kadis had introduced a Private Member's Bill in the Spring session of Parliament calling for the ban of PBDE's.

"As I asked for in my Private Member's Bill, I am very happy to see that the Government of Canada will be placing PBDE's on Canada's list of toxic substances", Kadis stated. "We need to move quickly to protect the health of Canadians and in particular the health of our children".

Previous testing has also shown that Canadian women had the second highest level of PBDE in their breast milk after the United States.

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