

**Letter on S. 697 from Ken Cook, Environmental Working Group
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“New legislation to update TSCA falls far short of what’s necessary to ensure that chemicals are safe. The revised draft provides an ambiguous, untested “safety” standard; creates needless roadblocks to state action; fails to provide adequate resources; fails to fast-track asbestos for review, and, fails to provide tough deadlines, especially for implementing rules that protect us from the most dangerous chemicals. Under this proposal, EPA could take a century or more to review the most dangerous chemicals. We urge Senators to support amendments that will ensure that chemicals are safe, that preserves a meaningful role for the states, and that will ensure that the most dangerous chemicals are quickly reviewed and dealt with by EPA,” - Ken Cook, EWG President and Cofounder.