

EACP Committee

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Aloha,

Excessive chemicals have had major negative impacts on my childhood and adulthood. My step father had a brain tumor from chemicals used in his woodworking. His mother had M.S. from the time he was little as a result of being raised in a community surrounded by modern day agriculture. In fact, it was stated in the last few years, that "a 10% increase in Multiple Sclerosis is predicted as a result of increasing chemical farming in areas of the midwest (U.S.)" My whole family got sick from trying to live in a mobile home, the outgassing took years to cleanse after we moved out. In new schools and new buildings, i still get sick. In recent years i have developed food allergies. i never had food allergies before. In recent years, the U.S. has decided to have all of their wheat dessicated w/ Round Up or Glyphosate to "ensure even drying" .. i get extremely bloated and gassy and my lips start peeling and bleeding when i eat wheat. i have sensitivity to dairy and soybeans w/ the same symptoms (both are heavily chemically saturated) . My point is that chemicals are cumulative and cause a variety of sickness and symptoms that can seem difficult to ascertain the origins of in these fast and wiildly diverse times.

Growing up w/ a parent w/ frontal lobe brain cancer is challenging in many ways. The seizures are incredibly scary. My stepfather was about 200lbs. Sometimes they fall from standing (how can i catch that as a child?!). The recommendation at that time was to put a pen in their mouth to try to keep them from biting off their tongue. So, then im in the position to try to get the pen in btwn the teeth w/out getting my tiny fingers accidentally bitten off by uncontrollable, clenching, gnashing jaws of a full grown, large man. The stress on my mother, our family and my developing psyche further took its toll on our health.

The effects of constant chemicals on humans now has a significant base of knowledge reflecting detrimental health effects on our communities. Please vote for our future by protecting the more vulnerable children and their families from chemical exposure in their outdoor playtime.

Mahalo,
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