

Subj: **RE: EPA investigation of synthetic fields**
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Dear Ms. Mahoney:

Thank you for your support of the effort to have the EPA study the health effects of artificial turf. I agree with your position that the EPA needs to study the entire impact of artificial turf, including the in-fill.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Richard Blumenthal
ATTORNEY GENERAL

From: OakSt61@aol.com [mailto:OakSt61@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:15 AM
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Subject: EPA investigation of synthetic fields

Dear Attorney General Blumenthal:

My name is Kim Mahoney and I am aware of an April 28, 2008, letter which was sent to the EPA via Congresswoman DeLauro, which addresses the urgent need to investigate the health and environmental dangers emanating from the installation/usage of synthetic fields. I am requesting that the EPA investigate "synthetic fields as a whole", including data not only from rubber crumb infill fields but also alternative infills such as TPE fields. *The so-called "safe" in-fill alternative to crumb rubber – thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) is yet to be tested for its health and environmental impact. The plastics contained in the alternative in-fill and the plastics that are part of the simulated blades of grass may pose health and environmental risks to the users of the fields as well. This conclusion obtains from the logical extension of the results of study by the National Toxicology Program of the National Institutes of Health that has tied the presence of Bisphenol A from such items like plastic bottles to hormone disruptions. Bisphenol A (BPA) is an intermediate used in manufacture of epoxy, polycarbonate, and polyester-styrene resins. As an ingredient of polycarbonate plastic, BPA is one of the most widely used synthetic chemicals in industry today.*

BPA is an estrogen-like chemical in plastic and it could harm "the development of children's brains and reproductive organs," writes Marla Cone of Los Angeles Times in article published in the Boston Globe. Marla Cone, "Plastics chemical may pose risk to children," in The Boston Globe, April 16, 2008, page A2, available at

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2008/04/16/plastics_chemical_may_pose_risk_to_children.

(italicized info taken from www.synturf.org (Warnings).

I would appreciate a response and request that my email be forwarded to Congresswoman DeLauro as this is a nation-wide issue. Congresswoman DeLauro stated in her letter to the EPA: "The possible health risks of synthetic turf have the potential to impact thousands of children and families, and they warrant immediate attention." I believe it is important to include all types of synthetic turf field data when conducting an EPA investigation of synthetic turf and there is an immediate necessity to include "TPE/alternative infill" language within such a request for an EPA investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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