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Dear

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women under 35
(source: Cancer Research UK:
<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/types/breast/incidence>)

It is also the most prevalent cancer in the UK, with 42,000 new cases diagnosed in the UK in 2004 alone.

In general, there is little public debate about the environmental links to breast cancer – a disease reaching ‘epidemic’ levels. But given that breast cancer is a hormonally dependent disease, it is imperative that we start to address the fact that:

- there are more than 500 man-made chemicals in our environment that are ‘weakly oestrogenic’ – that means they are hormone-disrupting. Many are in detergents, pesticides and plastics approved for everyday use by government.
- 300 man-made chemicals are found in human blood and body tissues. Carcinogens and hormone-disrupting chemicals are included in this ‘toxic burden’.

The ground-breaking No More Breast Cancer campaign rejects the notion of the inevitability of ever-increasing breast cancer rates, and focuses on the possibilities for the primary prevention of breast cancer by addressing the environmental links to the disease.

You can access the report ‘Breast Cancer: an environmental disease’ via the Breast Cancer UK website (www.breastcanceruk.org.uk) or directly at www.nomorebreastcancer.org.uk

As your constituent I'm concerned about this issue and would be very interested to know your views regarding the information on the No More Breast Cancer website – and also whether you would be able to support this campaign. However, if you feel unable to do so could you please explain why. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Copy to: Breast Cancer UK