

EXHIBIT 9
DATE 2/14/11
~~HB-4512~~

For Immediate Release:

Feb. 14, 2011

Contact:

Jamie Silberberger, Women's Voices for the Earth
jamies@womensvoices.org, 406-543-3747, cell 406-531-1811

Media Advisory

TOXIC TOYS TESTED AT CAPITOL

HELENA, Mont. – Advocates for chemical safety will be testing everyday items and children's toys for hidden toxic chemicals and revealing results in real-time. Due to lax laws, chemicals in these products are posing serious health risks to men, women and children. Representative Michele Reinhart (D-HD 97) and Women's Voices for the Earth (WVE), a Montana-based national environmental health group, are urging the state legislature to support federal reform of the nation's outdated chemical safety law, the Toxic Substances Control Act, through resolution HJ 12, introduced on February 10. WVE will test new products purchased at local Wal-Mart and Target stores for toxic heavy metals using a special tool called an XRF Analyzer, which detects toxic chemicals and heavy metals like lead, mercury and cadmium. Previous testing has shown that high levels of dangerous chemicals can show up in unlikely places, such as children's toys and clothing.

WHEN: Thurs. Feb. 17, 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Helena Capitol Room 137

WHO:

- Rep. Michele Reinhart (D-HD97)
- Jamie Silberberger, Women's Voices for the Earth
- Dr. Stephanie Draper, MD, St. Patrick Hospital
- Deb Halliday, concerned mother
- Cancer survivors Ann Maehtlen and Chris Brick

**Lunch will be provided. First come, first served.

###