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**ANA URGES A BAN ON BPA IN FOOD, HEALTH CARE AND CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) voiced concerns over the safety of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday. The FDA invited a panel of experts to comment on the agency's recent report which suggests that trace amounts of BPA are not dangerous. However, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) concluded BPA poses "some concern" to infants and children. BPA is a plastic hardening chemical used in baby bottles and food can liners.

In testimony, ANA urged the FDA to ban the use of BPA in food, health care and children's products. Nancy Hughes, the Director for Occupational and Environmental Health for the ANA commented, "The ANA is a firm advocate of the precautionary approach regarding dangers to the public health. Safer alternatives to BPA are available and currently in use."

For more information on ANA's environmental health policy please visit,

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