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Plastkemikalien BPA orsakar stridigheter inom Coca-Cola

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Major shareholders in Coca-Cola company will want to take the public's concern about the chemical Bisphenol A, BPA, seriously. According to several research studies, BPA can cause hormonal disturbances including in children. On Friday it voted 22 percent of the shareholders of a resolution requesting

"Coca-Cola assumes that BPA poses no risk to the public. It exposes it to risks, both legal and competitive," said Michael Passoff, program director at As You Sow and co-author of the resolution.

BPA is the chemical added to the site of film available on Coca-Cola bottles. The plastic seals and prevents contact between the beverage and aluminum in the bottle.

But Coca-cola refuses. The company says instead that the information on the company's strategy would not be beneficial to shareholders.

"We do not believe that the information requested in the proposal would be useful for our shareholders," said a spokesman for Coca-Cola in a comment.

"All available research and testing indicates that beverages in aluminum and steel cans are safe."

But now, a number of major shareholders are collecting for a counterattack.

CalPERS, the largest U.S. pension fund, is putting all its weight behind the resolution. According to FoodProductionDaily.com, the pension fund owns 6,075,143 shares of Coca-Cola, worth around \$346,000,000.

Heavyweights RiskMetrics Group and Proxy Governance, two major U.S. analysis companies, recommend their clients and other shareholders to vote yes on the resolution.