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## Hair Talk with JoJo the hair care expert

## The CROWN Coalition celebrates landmark milestone to end hair discrimination

**Q.** JoJo I've seen the news report that said hair dye causes breast cancer in African American women. Is this all hair color or just permanent dyes?

**A.** This latest study analyzes association, not causation. They're not saying hair dyes are the cause of breast cancer, but they think it could contribute to it. The survey also said tobacco use, obesity, lack of exercise, and alcohol consumption is more clearly linked to the risk of breast cancer than chemical dyes and straighteners. The study also stated that the risk of breast cancer was lower in women who permanently dyed their hair in a professional salon. There are alternatives to permanent hair dyes that work well, demi or semi permanent tints work well in covering or enhancing grey hair and give great highlights to dark hair. Rinses also work well, and they are safe enough to use biweekly if needed because just like their name, they rinse off.

**Q.** JoJo I read your article about every woman needs a girlfriend (wig), and I went to Terry's Place and bought three girlfriends with totally different looks and colors. I love my new friends, but while I was cooking over the holidays my favorite girl frizzed up in the front, can she be restyled and fixed?

**A.** Hey girl, glad you're loving your new girlfriends, and glad you're a cooking sister. There's nothing like good cooking for the holidays. Unfortunately heat and steam can de-

stroy your girlfriend. Synthetic wigs offer more styles and colors and are usually less expensive than human hair wigs, which can take high heat temperatures better. Sorry your girlfriend can't be fixed. We might be able to trim it some and make her workable, but I'd suggest you turn her into your cooking partner and just cook with her, and come grab another one.

**Q.** JoJo can taking prenatal vitamins help my hair grow?

**A.** I found doctors to support both sides to this question. Some say the extra vitamins won't hurt you, and can help the hair grow thicker and longer and make the skin smoother and more vibrant. A lot of Hollywood stars swear by these vitamins as a fountain of youth, while other doctors say prenatal vitamins contain extra iron and folic acid - the things a pregnant woman and a developing child needs. If you're not pregnant, the extra iron can lead to constipation, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Folic acid can be dangerous in large amounts too. Normally we get this in foods like fruits, veggies, and nuts, but too much can cause a vitamin B12 deficiency or increase the risk of colorectal cancer according to the National Institute of Health.

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PRNewswire/ -- The CROWN Coalition, a national alliance of organizations working to advance anti hair discrimination legislation, is celebrating a major victory with the introduction of a federal bill to ban hair discrimination called The CROWN Act of 2019. The CROWN Coalition, founded by Dove, National Urban League, Western Center on Law & Poverty, and Color Of Change, and supported by over 50 NGOs and non-profit organizations, have been working to raise awareness for the issue of hair discrimination and to drive action to end hair discrimination in workplaces and schools. The announcement of a federal bill, led by Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-Louisiana) and Senator Corey Booker (D-New Jersey), is a monumental milestone in the Coalition's efforts to Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair.

"Hair discrimination has been a problematic practice impacting Black people in multiple settings for far too long. Natural hair and protective styles should never serve as a barrier. We in Congress have acted, and together with a racial equity champion like Adjoa B. Asamoah and the CROWN Coalition, we can ensure this form of discrimination no longer goes unchecked," said Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-Louisiana).

"Dove is incredibly proud to be a force in the movement towards a more equitable beauty experience for all people. We were inspired to co-found the CROWN Coalition to support Senator Holly Mitchell in California with the inaugural CROWN Act, and are excited to see other state and federal legislators recognizing the time is now to take action to end this form of discrimination," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Beauty and Personal Care at Unilever North America. "We salute Congressman Richmond and Senator Booker, and the other members of the Congressional Black Caucus who are co-sponsoring The CROWN Act of 2019, for leading the charge to end hair discrimination nationwide."

"A federal bill in both chambers of Congress is exactly what is needed to

address the racial injustice of hair discrimination on a national level," said Marc Morial, former mayor of New Orleans and CEO of the National Urban League, a founding member of the CROWN Coalition. "With the passing of The CROWN Act in California and New York and more than 10 other states taking action to introduce or pre-file similar legislation, there is a heightened awareness of the need to expand anti-discrimination protections to include hair texture and hairstyles inherent to race. Federal legislation would eliminate the need for state-by-state legislation and would immediately break down systemic barriers that limit social and economic mobility of African-Americans based on Eurocentric standards of beauty."

"The federal CROWN Act of 2019 is an important and overdue step toward achieving civil rights and economic equity in this country," said Color Of Change Vice President Arisha Hatch. "Ridding our schools, workplaces and communities of hostile hairstyle discrimination will finally allow children of color to view themselves as deserving of every opportunity they've seen handed to their white peers for generations. On behalf of our 1.7 million members, Color Of Change applauds Congressman Richmond and Senator Booker for their leadership in introducing this bill, and we thank our partners in the CROWN Coalition for their lasting commitment to ensuring that natural beauty is protected for all Americans, no matter the state they live in or the color of their skin."

The CROWN Act of 2019 is not the first time federal lawmakers have taken action against grooming policies that have a disparate impact on people of color. In 2014, the Congressional Black Caucus, led by then Chairwoman Rep. Marcia Fudge, appealed to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to reconsider U.S. Military rules for hairstyles that lacked cultural sensitivity and gave little regard to what it takes for women of color to maintain their natural hair. As a result, military grooming standards were reviewed and adjusted to ensure fair and respectful consideration of a di-

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