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Assembly Member William Monning  
State Capitol Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814

via fax (916) 319-2127

Re: AB 553 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Monning:

Thank you for authoring Assembly Bill 553 which will make more efficient and less costly the process for setting permissible exposure limits (PELs) and better protect workers exposed to toxics.

Under the current law it can take many years before a new or revised PEL is adopted for a toxic chemical despite the fact that government data exists regarding the dangers posed by it. PELs should be based on sound scientific evidence, and when evidence has already been evaluated by specified governmental agencies, it is not necessary to duplicate their efforts or to *reinvent the wheel*.

We need protective standards for the most dangerous workplace chemicals. California should move as swiftly as possible to adopt PELs to protect workers when risk information exists for toxic chemicals that cause cancer, reproductive, developmental, or other serious harm. I support AB 553 because it will streamline and expedite the PEL setting process, save money by utilizing scientific information that has already been evaluated by sister governmental agencies, and ensure that workers are less likely to become ill or die prematurely as a result of exposure to those toxic chemicals. Thank you again for your commitment to worker health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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