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Senator Noreen Evans
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2187
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 193 (Monning) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Evans:

The California Labor Federation supports SB 193 (Monning), which will improve access to information regarding potentially toxic chemicals in the workplace.

SB 193 will require that chemical manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and importers – upon request from the Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) – provide the names and addresses of California businesses to which they sell specified toxic chemicals. The pervasiveness of such toxics in our workplaces – and the difficulty in determining where, how, and in what quantities they are used – complicates efforts when hazards are identified, and far too often puts California workers in danger.

SB 193 will allow HESIS to target the populations known to be at risk rather than a broad swath of workplaces, increasing the efficiency of warnings, and more effectively doing the job it was created to accomplish. This bill will make critical information available, limiting harmful chemical exposure and preventing disease, and will do so while keeping confidential any customer lists received.

We urge you to vote “YES” on SB 193 (Monning) when it comes before you in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

Sincerely,

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