



CLEAN WATER ACTION

CALIFORNIA

June 10, 2013

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via facsimile

Re: SB 193 -- Support

Dear Assemblymember Wieckowski and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of Clean Water Action and its 50,000 California members, I am writing to express our support of SB 193 (Monning) By requiring chemical manufacturers and others in the distribution train to provide the Hazardous Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS), upon written request, the names and addresses of purchasers of toxic products or materials, this legislation will ensure greater protections for workers from toxic chemical exposures while maintaining the confidentiality of the manufacturers' customer base.

HESIS has been hindered in its mandate to provide necessary information to California's employers and employees about toxic workplace hazards because it often does not know where toxic materials are being used. SB 193 provides a common sense solution by allowing the agency to see where specific toxins are being used so that it can target information to those at actual risk about potential threats, measures to protect workers, and safer alternatives. Targeting such information to those who need it is preferable to simply posting safety information since employers may not always know what hazards exist in their workplaces. In addition, the bill protects the chemical industry by directing HESIS to maintain the confidentiality of the information it receives.

Clean Water Action's members include workers who will directly benefit from safer workplace environments as a result of SB 193. For this reason, we urge your support when the bill comes before the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Andria Ventura
Toxics Program Manager

CC: Senator Monning



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March 23, 2013

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Re: SB 193 -- Support

Dear Senator Monning,

On behalf of Clean Water Action and its 50,000 California members, I am writing to thank you for introducing SB 193 and to express our support of the bill. By requiring chemical manufacturers and others in the distribution train to provide the Hazardous Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS), upon written request, the names and addresses of purchasers of toxic products or materials, this legislation will ensure greater protections for workers from toxic chemical exposures while maintaining the confidentiality of the manufacturers' customer base.

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Clean Water Action's members include workers who will directly benefit from safer workplace environments as a result of SB 193. For this reason, we appreciate your leadership on this issue and are pleased to provide our support for the bill's passage.

Sincerely,

Andria Ventura
Toxics Program Manager