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June 18, 2013

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

**Re: SB 193 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wieckowski:

The ILWU Southern California District Council (SCDC) is writing in strong support of SB 193 by State Senate Member William Monning. The SCDC is the political and legislative arm of the ILWU in Southern California and we represent workers in various industries from Fresno to San Diego.

Many of our members work around hazardous and toxic materials in and out of containers. The additional information listed on an MSDS would be very beneficial to our members in the case of handling these materials as well as in the case of exposure to the hazardous and toxic materials.

Current law requires HESIS to provide information of practical use to employers, employees, and others on toxic workplace hazards. But it does not give HESIS the ability to find out where any toxics are being used in California, thus undermining HESIS ability to provide early warnings. SB 193 would require chemical manufacturers and others in the chain of distribution to provide, upon written request, the names and addresses of customers who have purchased specified toxics or commercial products containing those toxics, and SB 193 also assures that the customer lists will remain confidential.

SB 193 assures that HESIS can reach and advise employers on measures needed to protect their workers, including information on safer alternatives, when HESIS has information regarding negative health impacts of certain toxic chemicals. HESIS will be able to target those at risk rather than merely posting its valuable guidance to limit exposure and prevent disease on the web with no guarantee it will reach those in need. As workers are often exposed to toxics whose health effects are not all known, HESIS's ability to act quickly and efficiently is vital to protect workers' health and safety.

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We urge you and all members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee to support SB 193 when it is heard on June 25, 2013.

Sincerely,



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