19 June 2013

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

Re: SB 193 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly member Wieckowski:

The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition (SVTC) is writing in strong support of SB 193.

Current law requires Hazard Evaluation System & Information Service (HESIS) to provide information of practical use to employers, employees, and others on toxic workplace hazards.

However, it does not give HESIS the ability to find out ***where*** any toxics are being used in California. SB 193 would rightfully 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. SB 193 also ensures that the customer lists will remain confidential.

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Workers are the first exposed to toxic chemicals and we must ensure that HESIS can act quickly and efficiently in order to protect them.

We urge your support of SB 193.

Sincerely,

Sheila Davis
Executive Director
Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition

14 March 2013

Senator Bill Monning
State Capitol Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 90301

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We thank you for authoring this important bill.

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