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TO: SENATOR BILL MONNING

FR: BRIAN KABATECK, PRESIDENT  
ADVOCATE CONTACTS: NANCY PEVERINI AND JACQUIE SERNA

RE: SB 193 (MONNING) SUPPORT

Consumer Attorneys of California is pleased to support SB 193, which will assist the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the Department of Public Health (CDPH) in protecting employees and the general public from toxic chemicals.

The Statutes of 1978 established the Hazardous Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) to provide reliable information to employers and employees on the potential hazards faced by employees who are exposed to toxic chemicals and other harmful physical agents. The HESIS repository is responsible for collecting and evaluating toxicological and epidemiological data. Using this information, HESIS then recommends to the Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration the standards that should be developed to address workplace exposure risks.

Unfortunately, the public tends to be provided protections only *after* the damaging effects to workers' health have become pervasive. For every product whose final destination may be a place of employment, upon request, SB 193 will require chemical manufacturers, suppliers, formulators, distributors, importers, and their agents, to provide HESIS with the names and addresses of customers who have purchased chemicals or products containing those chemicals, and their proportions. This disclosure would be confidential and would simply allow HESIS to be proactive, rather than reactive.

For these reasons, CAOC is pleased to support SB 193. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact one of our legislative representatives in Sacramento.

cc: Assembly Judiciary Committee

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