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June 11, 2013

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

Re: SB 193 - SUPPORT
Dear Assembly Member Wieckowski:

Mujeres Unidas y Activas is writing in strong support of SB 193 by State Senate Member William Monning. MUA is a grassroots organization of Latina immigrant women with a double mission of promoting personal transformation and building community power for social and economic justice. As an organization at the intersection of women's, immigrants', and workers' rights, we see this issue of toxics affecting our members' health and safety.

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.

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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February 19, 2013

Senator Bill Monning
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We thank you for authoring this important bill.

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