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June 21, 2013

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

RE: **SB 193 (Monning) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Wieckowski,

On behalf of Worksafe, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 193.

Worksafe, Inc. is a California-based organization dedicated to eliminating all types of workplace hazards. We advocate for protective worker health and safety laws and effective remedies for injured workers, and engage in campaigns in coalition with unions, workers, community, environmental and legal organizations, and scientists to eliminate hazards and toxic chemicals from the workplace.

SB 193 will require that chemical manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and importers – upon request by the Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) – provide the names and addresses of California businesses to which they sell specified toxic chemicals. The pervasiveness of such toxics in our workplaces – and the difficulty in determining where, how, and in what quantities they are used – complicates efforts when hazards are identified, and far too often puts California workers in danger.

The legislature created HESIS in 1978 to provide "early warning" to employers and workers when new information about a chemical's health risks were identified. However, the state has never had an effective means to identify where specific toxic chemicals are being used, and thus these valuable warnings have never reached all the workplaces where they are most relevant and needed.

SB 193 would remedy this, allowing HESIS to target the populations known to be at risk rather than a broad swath of workplaces, increasing the efficiency of its warnings and more effectively doing the job it was created to accomplish. The bill will make critical information available, limiting harmful chemical exposure and preventing disease, and will do so while keeping confidential any customer lists received.

SB 193 will protect workers from needless illness and death as a result of exposure to toxic materials, and we strongly urge its passage.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2013

The Office of State Senator Monning SD-17
State Capitol Room 4164
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 193 (Monning) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Monning,

On behalf of Worksafe, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 193 and to commend you for introducing this important, long-overdue piece of legislation.

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Thank you for introducing this critical bill. We look forward to working with you and your staff to assure that SB 193 protects workers from needless illness and death as a result of exposure to toxic materials.

Sincerely,

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