

May 8, 2013

Senator Noreen Evans
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2187
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 193 (SUPPORT)

Dearest Senator:

The Service Employees International Union, Local 121RN represents 8,000 Registered Nurses in Southern California. We write to inform you that we support SB 193.

Please consider that we handle and are exposed to chemicals every single day. Current law requires the Hazardous Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) provides information of practical use to employers, employees, and others on toxic workplace hazards.

Unfortunately, the current law doesn't 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 will solve this life-threatening problem.

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.

Prevention of injury and illness to our members and our patients is paramount. This bill will insure that, when workers need to be protected from chemical exposure at the workplace, HESIS will have complete data.

An "Aye" vote for SB 193 is a vote to save human life from injury and illness. Our California workers exposed to toxic chemicals on a daily basis deserve that from us.

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