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September 16, 1999

Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 25 (Escutia)

Dear Governor Davis:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to VETO SB 25, relating to the Children's Environmental Health Center.

This bill is entirely unnecessary. California already has the strictest air quality standards in the nation, in almost all cases well exceeding federal standards. These rules require routine evaluation of the effects of contamination on the general public and implementation of measures designed to mitigate these impacts. There is no need to create a whole new bureaucratic review process just to satisfy a handful of advocacy groups.

For the foregoing reasons, I request your veto of this bill. If you have any questions concerning this measure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Haynes".

RAYMOND N. HAYNES
Senate Republican Whip

7.ii. Oppose Letters – Organizations/Local Gov't

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**Roofing Contractors
Association of California**

September 28, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

The Roofing Contractors Association of California (RCAC), is opposed to SB 25 by Senator Escutia regarding air quality.

This bill would require an extensive review of the state's current air quality standards to determine if they adequately protect the health of infants and children. If it is determined that current standards are inadequate they are to be revised to give special protection to infants and children.

There are currently numerous laws regulating air quality standards, created to protect public health. Therefore, we believe that this bill is unnecessary because existing law provides adequate protection.

For these reasons, RCAC asks that you veto SB 25. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Crop protection products help ensure a safe, abundant and affordable food supply.

Many health experts, including former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society, agree that the benefits of a diet rich in fruits and vegetables far outweigh any pesticide-related risks.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has concluded our food supply is safe based on their pesticide residue monitoring results.

Before approving or registering a pesticide, EPA can require up to 120 tests to determine its safety. The agency only registers those pesticides that meet their strict standards for human health, the environment and wildlife. This process may take eight to 10 years to complete.

On average, only one in 20,000 chemicals ever makes it from the chemist's lab to the farmer's field.

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Message: Re: [redacted] SB25 (1/28/99)

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May 12, 1999

The Honorable Marta Escutia
Member of the Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Escutia:

I am writing you on behalf of the Western Crop Protection Association (WCPA), a non-profit trade association representing manufacturers, formulators and retailers of crop protection products in ten western states, including California. Despite numerous good faith meetings between you, your staff, your sponsors and various business and agricultural organizations, we have not been able to reach agreement on many critical points surrounding SB 25. For that reason, we must register our opposition to this bill.

Let me begin by stating that WCPA members and I share your interest in the safety of our children. Many of us are parents. For this and other compelling reasons, the safe use of our products is WCPA's and our members' highest priority. WCPA and our members support science based policies that protect human health, particularly children's health, and the environment. With regard to the use of pesticides, we support:

- Adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) programs focusing on reduced-risk pest management.
- State leadership in working cooperatively with interested parties and various user organizations to facilitate the adoption of viable reduced risk practices.
- State monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of reduced risk IPM programs.
- Recommendation and use of pesticide products by licensed pest control professionals.

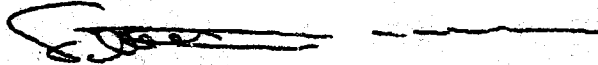
WCPA's specific concern is that SB 25 is not necessary in the context of additional pesticide regulation. Crop protection products are among the most regulated products in the U.S., going through an average of 120 different tests during their registration process. These compounds are tested for carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, teratogenicity and endocrine disruption. Existing federal and California requirements to register crop protection materials incorporate extremely conservative margins of safety, providing for the protection of children and other sensitive subpopulations. Further, the federal Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) requires that many of the provisions included in SB 25 be applied to pesticides before they can be registered for use.

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Looking beyond the registration of pesticide products, California's existing laws, regulations, guidelines and risk assessment practices require that standards for air contaminants contain an ample margin of safety that accounts for variable effects to humans, including uncertainty factors and the quality of the data. Additionally, current law requires the state to determine the range of risk to humans resulting from current or anticipated exposure (H&S 39617(d)). In fact, California is widely recognized for having the most stringent air quality standards in the world.

On behalf of the members of the Western Crop Protection Association, it is our view that, if enacted, SB 25 would result in an expensive statutory reworking of California law and risk assessment practices with no real benefit to the public. California's resources could be put to far better use by addressing real threats to children's health, e. g., child abuse, alcoholism, drug abuse, malnutrition, accidents, exposure to vector born diseases, infectious diseases, etc., rather than hypothetical risks. For these reasons, we must oppose SB 25. If you have any questions regarding our opposition to SB 25, please contact our legislative advocates, George Soares or Stan Van Vleck, of Kahn, Soares & Conway, at 448-3826. Thank you.

With best regards,



Steve Forsberg
President

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