

6.i. Support Letters – Members/State Electeds



PHILIP ANGELIDES
Treasurer
State of California

September 23, 2005

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to urge you to sign Assembly Bill 405 concerning pesticide use at school sites.

Under AB 405, any pesticide that does not have full registration granted to it by the State Department of Pesticide Regulation is prohibited from application at a school site. Conditionally registered pesticides are exempt from this provision if specified health effect studies have been conducted.

Study after study calls attention to the specific vulnerability of children to pesticides. It is irresponsible and incomprehensible that this state exposes its schoolchildren to toxic substances before certain data and health study requirements are completed. This state must call a halt to this dangerous practice. We must stop exposing our children, and our school personnel, to pesticides that have not been fully examined.

Again, I strongly urge you to sign this important legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Phil Angelides
State Treasurer

cc: Assemblymember Cindy Montañez



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September 28, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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**Assembly Bill 405 (Montanez)
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I have reviewed Assembly Bill 405 (Montanez) and request you sign this measure into law.

Current law, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, AB 2260 (Shelley), Chapter 718, Statutes of 2000, requires schools to manage pests at school sites with the least toxic pest management practices that are effective. To encourage the implementation of such practices, state agencies are directed to facilitate the adoption of effective least toxic management practices at school sites. School sites are required to maintain records of all pesticide use at the school site for a period of four years and to make the records available to the public upon request. Current law requires manufacturers of pesticides to obtain a certificate of registration from the Director of Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) before the pesticide can be offered for sale in California.

AB 405 would prohibit the use at school sites of pesticides that are not fully registered with or tested by state agencies. The bill specifically states that it does not impose any new labeling requirements.

School Children and school employees should not be exposed to pesticides that are not fully registered and sufficiently tested for safety. AB 405 would help prevent children from being exposed to pesticides that have not received full registration status from the Department of Pesticide Regulation and would therefore protect children's health.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on this measure. If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact me, or have your staff contact Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Legislative Associate, Government Affairs, at (916) 319-0821.

Sincerely,


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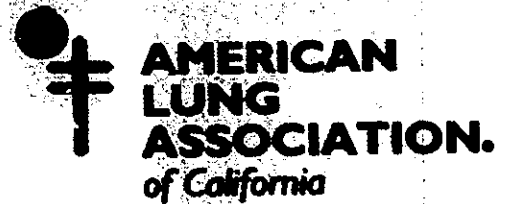
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September 23, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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The mission of the
**AMERICAN LUNG
ASSOCIATION** of
California is to prevent lung
disease and promote
lung health.

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing on behalf of the American Lung Association of California to request that you sign AB 405 (Montanez) that would increase the protection of millions of schoolchildren, teachers and school employees in California from harmful pesticides.

The American Lung Association of California views AB 405 as another important step forward to promote least toxic pesticide management practices at schools. AB 405 would prohibit the use of experimental or conditional use pesticides in California's K-12 public schools, and would prohibit the use of pesticide products on schools for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phase out of use.

Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits have been sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. Missing data typically includes the absence of important information to help determine human health risks from exposure.

Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment. Chemicals used in pesticides have also been linked to respiratory symptoms including asthma attacks. Especially given that children are more susceptible to harm from air pollution and other environmental contaminants than adults, the use of experimental or conditionally registered products at schools should be ended.

On behalf of the American Lung Association of California, I urge you to sign AB 405 (Montanez) into law to improve children's health protection. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Holmes-Gen
Assistant V.P., Government Relations

cc: Assembly Member Montanez

Improving Life,
One Breath at a Time



California Asthma Partners

September 14, 2005

Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
Re: AB 405 (Montañez) - Approve

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the California Asthma Partners (CAP), we are writing to express our strong support for AB 405 and to urge you to approve this bill that helps protect the health and well-being of children attending California schools. Once signed into law, AB 405 would change the California Education Code to better protect children by drastically limiting the use of experimental and new pesticides that have not been fully tested on school grounds.

CAP is a statewide partnership of non-governmental organizations, agencies, institutions, coalitions, and collaboratives working to implement the *Strategic Plan for Asthma in California*. Our goal is to facilitate comprehensive solutions to asthma prevention and management and to improve the health and the quality of life for Californians with asthma. Asthma is the most common chronic disease of childhood. For a child with asthma, learning and participating in school can be a challenge. As such, CAP is committed to supporting policies that reduce child exposure to chemicals that could trigger asthma symptoms.

We commend you for the work you have done for and on behalf of children. In signing this bill, you will be reaffirming your commitment to children whose health may be unnecessarily compromised as a result of exposure to untested pesticide products in our public schools.

Currently, California law allows pesticide products that do not have full registration and outstanding data requirements to be applied on school sites. Unfortunately, history has shown that these products are often used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. This is a major flaw in California law. *AB 405 closes this gap, without taking away school administrative rights to purchase a full range of fully tested and approved pesticides.*

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September 21, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 405 (Montañez) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) is the bipartisan political watchdog for the California environmental community. CLCV publishes the annual California Environmental Scorecard, which tracks the voting record of legislators on key environmental legislation.

CLCV urges you to sign AB 405 (Montañez), which will prohibit the use at schools of any pesticide that has a conditional or interim registration or an experimental use permit issued by the state Department of Pesticide Regulation.

There are some legitimate reasons for conditional and interim registrations and experimental use permits. Experimental uses, for example, are presumed to be conducted in controlled and monitored settings to gather more information on the pesticide; conditional registrations may be justified if the ingredient composition of a pesticide does not change but the product's label is amended to allow a new use. But it is an abuse of the registration process for pesticide products to receive conditional registration and to be used in the market place for an indefinite period of time with no expectation that the registration will ever be completed. The burden of proof should be on the pesticide manufacturers and the regulators to explain why a product that has not received a full registration should be allowed - especially at schools.

It surprises many people to learn that common household products, like bleach and disinfectants, are registered as pesticides. This is the choice of the manufacturer: if they wish to claim on the label that the products "kill germs" or has other disinfectant properties, the product must be registered as a pesticide. It is CLCV's understanding that most products of this sort receive conditional registrations when the manufacturer changes the product label, which triggers the registration process. But AB 405 correctly does not extend its prohibition to conditional registration based on label changes. Under AB 405 the conditional registration must be based on a new ingredient being added to the product or a new allowable use of the product. CLCV believes these criteria are appropriate and therefore urges you to sign AB 405 into law.

Sincerely,

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cc: Assemblywoman Montañez

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RE: AB 405 (Montanez) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We write to request that you sign AB 405 (Montanez)

This legislation will protect the health and safety of more than six million school children, and hundreds of thousands of teachers and school employees, by prohibiting experimental or conditional use pesticides in California's K-12 public schools

Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits have been sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. Missing data typically includes the absence of information about metabolic impacts, mechanistic properties, the fate of residue, risk assessment, leaching, receptor dosage, application and resistance studies

This lack of data can increase adverse health effects upon children. Children are more susceptible to harm from pesticides than adults. Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment

In particular they can have an adverse effect on the developmental health of children. In addition to disrupting immune and reproductive systems, children can suffer neurological damage as a result of pesticide exposure, ironically harming their ability to learn in the institution they are sent to be educated.

AB 405 also prohibits the use of pesticide products on school for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phase out of use

Contrary to what you may have heard, AB 405 does not ban bleach, and allows for hundreds of fully registered products being used on school sites including products to address all health and safety emergencies.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Robina Suwal, Executive Director

September 8, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

AB 405 (Montañez)
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE



Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California School Boards Association (CSBA), which represents over 1,000 school districts and county offices of education statewide, supports AB 405 (Montañez) and urges your signature on this measure.

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 provides state policy that effective least-toxic pest management practices should be the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites. Current law provides that the state shall take the necessary steps to facilitate the adoption of effective least toxic pest management practices at schoolsites in order to reduce children's exposure to toxic pesticides.

AB 405 will prohibit the use of experimental or new pesticides without full registration on schoolsites. Specifically, the bill states that a pesticide is prohibited from being used on a schoolsite if it has been granted a conditional registration, interim registration or an experimental use permit by the Department of Pesticide Regulation if the product has a new active ingredient or a new use.

Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment and, in particular, have a developmental effect on children. Children are more susceptible to hazardous impacts from pesticides than adults. California law allows pesticide products that do not have full registration and outstanding data requirements to be applied on schoolsites. This oversight may expose students, teachers and others to unknown health risks. Further, information regarding the utilization of pesticides in schools that have a conditional registration or an experimental use permit is not maintained in a manner that is useful to the public, making it difficult to assess and address the potential health and environmental impact of their use in schools.

This bill will prevent school children and teachers from being exposed to experimental and/or insufficiently tested pesticide products and for this reason, CSBA supports AB 405 (Montañez) and respectfully asks for your signature on the measure.

Sincerely,


Erika K. Hoffman
Sr. Legislative Advocate

cc: Paul Navarro, Governor's Office, Legislative Affairs
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CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

September 13, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 405 (Montañez)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Teachers Association is pleased to support Assembly Bill 405. This measure establishes conditions for which conditionally registered or experimentally permitted pesticides can be used on school sites.

Our members agree that both school employees and students should be protected from damaging chemicals that may have systemic effects on growth and brain development.

We also believe that individuals who spend a good portion of their day at a school site should not be exposed to pesticides whose potential chemical hazards have not been fully vetted or certified. Chemicals, with conditional registration, significant data gaps or new active ingredients, should not be used where individuals must be for prolonged periods of the day and are entitled to our best efforts to utilize the least harmful pest control methods possible.

On behalf of the 335,000 members of the California Teachers Association, we respectfully request your signature on AB 405. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any additional questions about our position.

Sincerely,

Toni Trigueiro
Legislative Advocate

C: Assemblywoman Cindy Montañez

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CLEAN WATER ACTION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: Legislative Unit

URGENT: Please Sign AB405

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:


On behalf of Clean Water Action and its 20,000 California members, I urge you to sign AB405. This legislation will protect the health and safety of more than six million school children, and hundreds of thousands of teachers and school employees, by prohibiting experimental or conditional use pesticides in California's K-12 public schools.

The provisions of AB 405 provide important protections for California's schoolchildren. With their enhanced susceptibility to toxins, schoolchildren should not be exposed to experimental pesticides, or those operating with only conditional registration. Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits have been sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements.

AB 405 also takes the sensible step of prohibiting the use of pesticide products on school grounds for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phase out of use. On the other hand, AB 405 does not ban bleach, and allows the continued use of hundreds of fully registered products on school sites, including products to address all health and safety emergencies.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Clary
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RE: AB 405 (Montanez) -SUPPORT

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We write to request that you sign AB 405 (Montanez).

This legislation will protect the health and safety of more than six million school children, and hundreds of thousands of teachers and school employees, by prohibiting experimental or conditional use pesticides in California's K-12 public schools.

Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits have been sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. Missing data typically includes the absence of information about metabolic impacts, mechanistic properties, the fate of residue, risk assessment, leaching, receptor dosage, application, and resistance studies.

This lack of data can increase adverse health effects upon children. Children are more susceptible to harm from pesticides than adults. Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment.

In particular they can have an adverse effect on the developmental health of children. In addition to disrupting immune and reproductive systems, children can suffer neurological damage as a result of pesticide exposure, ironically harming their ability to learn in the institution they are sent to be educated.

AB 405 also prohibits the use of pesticide products on school for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phase out of use.

Contrary to what you may have heard, AB 405 does not ban bleach, and allows for hundreds of fully registered products being used on school sites, including products to address all health and safety emergencies.

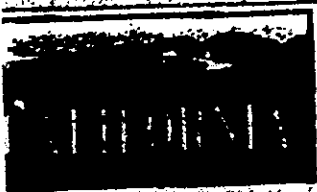
Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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September 16, 2005

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol, First Floor
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RE: AB 405 (Montanez) -- SUPPORT

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of Environmental California, I urge you to sign AB 405 (Montanez), the Safe Schools Bill, into law. Our organization has a long history of working to protect California's children from pesticides in their schools, including our work to pass the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

AB 405 would protect the health and safety of more than six million school children, and hundreds of thousands of teachers and school employees, by prohibiting experimental or conditional use pesticides in California's K-12 public schools.

Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits have been sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. Missing data typically includes the absence of information about metabolic impacts, mechanistic properties, the fate of residue, risk assessment, leaching, receptor dosage, application, and resistance studies.

Our children should not be exposed to pesticides for which the state does not have complete information it needs to help inform our regulators and policymakers about the harmful effects associated with exposure. And our children certainly should not be exposed to experimental pesticides about which the state knows very little. Children are more susceptible to harm from pesticides than adults, and the environment in which they spend the most time should be safeguarded from use of potentially hazardous pesticides.

Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment. In particular they can have an adverse effect on the developmental health of children. In addition to disrupting immune and reproductive systems, children can suffer neurological damage as a result of pesticide exposure, ironically harming their ability to learn in the institution in which they are sent to be educated.

Contrary to what you may have heard, AB 405 does not ban bleach, and allows for hundreds of fully registered products being used on school sites, including products to address all health and safety emergencies.

We strongly urge you to sign into law AB 405.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Health Advocate & Staff Attorney

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September 27, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Regarding: Assembly Bill 405 (Montanez)
Position: Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) respectfully urges you to sign AB 405 (Montanez). We have been working with Assembly Member Cindy Montanez and the sponsors of Assembly Bill 405, California Safe Schools, to develop a measure that protects students and faculty from exposure to experimental pesticides while ensuring that school environments are free of pests. We believe that AB 405, as enrolled, will achieve that goal. This measure would prohibit the use of experimental or new pesticides on school sites without full registration.

It is the District's policy to practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Because we recognize the need to control pests in order to protect the health and safety of students and staff but understand that pesticides can cause adverse health effects, it is the goal of the District to provide for the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting people, the environment, and property. For this reason, in March 1999, the LAUSD Board of Education adopted, for use Districtwide, an IPM policy.

AB 405 would be in line with our policy and efforts to manage pests while minimizing the use of pesticides. The measure simply protects the school community from products whose full effects are unknown.

We appreciate your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Castro".

Vivian Castro
Director

c: The Honorable Cindy Montanez
Alan Bersin, Secretary for Education
Jeannie Oropeza, Program Budget Manager, Department of Finance
Paul Navarro, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

September 15, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 405 (Montañez) Request Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council), which has 1.2 million members and activists, more than 250,000 of whom are Californians, we are writing to urge your signature on AB 405 by Assembly Member Montañez. This legislation closes a loophole that has allowed pesticides to be used in schools even if they are not fully registered, are registered for experimental use, or are in the process of being phased out.

All too often, The US EPA allows existing stocks of banned pesticides to be sold for years after it has been determined that the pesticide in question poses an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. For example, in December of 2000, EPA agreed to a phaseout of non-agricultural uses of the organophosphate pesticide diazinon, but allowed manufacturers and retailers to continue selling the pesticide until December 31, 2004. Exposure to diazinon increases risk of reproductive disorders, reduced cognitive ability, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, and other illnesses. Had AB 405 been enacted in 2000, California schools would have been protected from this pesticide over the last 4 years.

This bill will also help prevent school children and teachers from being exposed to experimental and/or insufficiently tested pesticide products. We respectfully request that you sign AB 405. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kaplan
Director of Sustainable
Agriculture Projects

Victoria Rome
California Advocacy Associate

Cc: Assemblywoman Cindy Montañez

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September 14, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Please sign into law AB 405 (Montanez). Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits are sold and have been used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. This significant flaw can allow for chemicals with incomplete testing to be used on schoolsites, increasing undue exposure to children attending schools and participating in after-school activities.

Pesticides contain toxic substances, many of which have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment and, in particular, have a developmental effect on children. Children are more susceptible to hazardous impacts from pesticides than are adults.

AB 405 would prohibit the use of experimental or new pesticides without full registration on schoolsites. Additionally, AB 405 prohibits the use of pesticide products on schoolsites for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phase out of use. AB 405 will protect California public K-12 school children, teachers, school workers and community members from products whose full effects are unknown.

AB 405, does not ban bleach, and allows for hundreds of fully registered products being used on school sites.

We urge you to sign this bill to protect children, teachers and school employees from exposure to chemicals whose health effects are simply unknown. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Virgil Welch
Legislative Director



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September 14, 2005

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 405 (Montañez), Pesticides in Schools – Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Sierra Club California supports AB 405, which would make several important changes to the California Education Code to restrict the use of experimental and new pesticides that have not been fully tested. These changes would protect hundreds of thousands of school children, as well as school workers.

Currently, California law allows pesticide products that do not have full registration and outstanding data requirements to be applied on schoolsites. Historically, pesticide products that have conditional registration or experimental use permits are sold and used for years without completing outstanding data requirements. This significant flaw can allow for chemicals without complete testing to be used on schoolsites, increasing undue exposure potential to students and teachers.

AB 405 would prohibit the use of experimental or new pesticide products without full registration on schoolsites. Essentially, this bill would prevent school children and teachers from being exposed to experimental and/or insufficiently tested pesticides. Additionally, AB 405 prohibits the use in schools of pesticide products for which registration has been canceled, suspended, or marked for phaseout of use. AB 405 will protect California public K-12 school children, teachers, school workers and community members from products whose full effects are unknown.

Sincerely,

Bill Magavern

Bill Magavern
Senior Representative

Cc: Assembly Member Cindy Montañez

6.iii. Support Letters – Individuals

No relevant documents found