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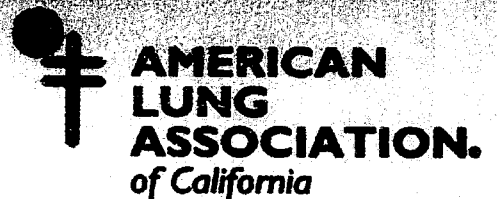
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September 14, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Subject: Senate Bill 25 (Escutia) Children's Air Quality Standards – Sign

Dear Governor Davis:

The American Lung Association of California, and its medical section, the California Thoracic Society urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 25, which would require the Air Resources Board to review its air quality standards, and revise them if necessary to protect infants and children. Senate Bill 25 would also enhance California's air monitoring program through greater data collection on the health impacts of poor air quality on kids.

Air pollution is a serious health threat to Californians, particularly to sensitive populations, such as infants and children, the elderly and people with lung disease. While current law requires the air quality standards to protect public health, there is no specific requirement for them to account for the special needs of infants and children. Among the reasons that the health impacts on infants and children need to be considered are:

- Children spend about 50% more time outdoors than adults, especially in the summer when the ozone air pollution levels are typically highest.
- Children have a higher ventilation rate than adults relative to their body weight and lung surface. This results in a greater dose of pollution delivered to their lungs.

As a co-sponsor of SB 25, the American Lung Association believes it is critical for California to continue its leadership role in the protection of public health through strong, health-based air quality standards; SB 25 will do that.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our views on this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Tony Najera if you need additional information.

Sincerely,


Paul Kneprath
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cc. The Hon. Martha Escutia

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The Honorable Gray Davis
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RE: SB 25 (Escutia)

Dear Governor Davis:

We urge you to sign SB 25 which would cause the Air Resources Board to review both ambient air quality and toxic air contaminant standards to ensure these standards protect children. Currently, the standards are based on a 170 pound man.


Because children have a faster respiratory rate and spend much more time outdoors, they are more susceptible to harm due to poor air quality. Children with asthma are particularly vulnerable. Recent studies have shown that repeated exposure to ozone actually decreases lung capacity in children.

The American Lung Association is committed to improving lung health for everyone and believes that this bill will help achieve that goal.

Sincerely yours,

Sally M. Franchi
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RE: SB 25 (Escutia), Children's Environmental Health Protection Act - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

The California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) is proud to be a sponsor of SB 25 (Escutia) and strongly urges you to sign this important measure.

Almost three years ago CLCV began pursuing the simple proposition that the state's environmental health standards should be set to protect infants and children as well as adults. We sponsored AB 278 (Escutia), which underwent two years of debate, scrutiny and amendments before it was sent to Governor Wilson last fall. Unfortunately Governor Wilson vetoed AB 278, leading to the re-introduction of the Children's Environmental Health Protection Act this year in SB 25.

Like AB 278, SB 25 rests on several basic facts:

Children are not just "little adults": Environmental health standards historically have grown out of workplace protections and therefore have focused on protecting adults. Yet there is an ever-growing body of knowledge about childhood physiology and the unique ways infants and children are more vulnerable to pollutants than adults. For example, children consume proportionately more oxygen than adults even though their airways are narrower, and many of their key organs are not completely developed, leading to increased susceptibility to adverse impacts from pollutants.

Standards don't always protect children: There also is a growing body of evidence that many children are exposed to unhealthy levels of air pollutants. For example, a 1997 USEPA study (*Woodruff et al.*) found that levels of benzene, formaldehyde, and 1,2-butadiene exceed the acceptable cancer risk in 90 percent of U.S. census tracts - even though the risk assessment did not take into account children's differential exposure or susceptibility to these toxic air contaminants.

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Increased air monitoring is needed to assess impacts on children: Infants and children have different daily behavior patterns that create different exposures than adults. For example, children tend to be outside more than adults. Infants crawl on carpets and grass, where some air contaminants collect. In addition, some sites heavily used by children also are close to air pollutant sources. In Southeast Los Angeles, for example, Suva Street Elementary School is right next to two chrome-plating facilities. After repeated complaints from teachers and parents, the South Coast Air Quality Management District set up an air monitoring station near the school and found "unacceptably high" levels of hexavalent chromium, a known carcinogen, being emitted from the plating factories. The state needs to increase this sort of monitoring to identify the real world threats of air pollutants to children. Only then can government and business work together to mitigate those threats in a way that is both effective and fair for the public and the business community.

SB 25 responds directly to these facts by doing the following:

- Requires the Air Resources Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to evaluate the health impacts of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants and to determine whether they adequately protect infants and children.
- Requires the ARB to revise any inadequate standards (for criteria air pollutants) or control measures (for toxic air contaminants) so that they protect infants and children.
- Establishes a workable timetable for the review and revision of standards and control measures.
- Expands the ARB's air monitoring program in six communities statewide to include special monitoring of children's exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants.
- Creates, in Cal/EPA, the Children's Environmental Health Center to serve as an advisor for protecting children's environmental health.

SB 25 is the product of three years of negotiations with a broad array of industry representatives, many of whom opposed this bill and its predecessor for most of that time. CLCV was tremendously encouraged and impressed last summer when, notwithstanding significant industry opposition to AB 278, you told the Wall Street Journal that you would sign the bill if you were Governor. We have taken your commitment to heart, but have not taken it for granted. That is why we worked hard this year to resolve as many of industry's remaining concerns as possible. As a result of


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amendments taken this year, all major industry groups -- including the CA Chamber of Commerce, the CA Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, the CA Farm Bureau Federation, the CA Manufacturers Assn., the Printed Circuit Alliance, and the Western States Petroleum Assn. -- have removed their opposition to SB 25. Enclosed is a copy of their letters for your review.

Your early support for the measure was critical to setting a tone for negotiations that was conducive to reaching agreement. It was deeply appreciated. We also must acknowledge the tremendous help provided this year by Cal/EPA, the ARB, and OEHHA in helping craft details that were workable and effective. The openness and seriousness they demonstrated stood in stark contrast to our experience with those agencies under the prior administration.

SB 25 takes an important step in recognizing the different environmental health impacts on infants and children. It has drawn the attention of public health professionals nationwide and is another example of California leading the nation toward progressive public health and environmental policy. CLCV is proud to have sponsored SB 25 and we hope you will take similar pride in signing it into law. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions about this matter.

Sincerely,


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cc: The Honorable Martha Escutia



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September 14, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol
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REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE RE: SB 25 (Escutia) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

The California Nurses Association supports SB 25 (Escutia), as amended, which imposes specific requirements on the State Air Resources Board and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment relating to the protection of infants and children from environmental health hazards.

The California Nurses Association believes that protection against accident hazards, pollution, disease contagions, fatigue, and moral hazard are essential to health. So too are safe work environments, clean water, adequate sunlight and full opportunities for family and community life. CNA supports public activities to assess and abate hazards and to provide a safe work and home environment.

Children are particularly at risk from environmental hazards because their bodies are still developing, they breathe more air, play outside more and are least able to protect themselves against exposure.

For these reasons, the California Nurses Association supports SB 25 and urges your "aye" vote on the measure.

Sincerely,

Jill Furillo, RN
Director, Government Relations

cc: Senator Escutia

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September 30, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Dear Governor Davis:

I urge you to please support ~~SB 25~~, SB 898, and SB 1111 to protect air quality and promote child health research.

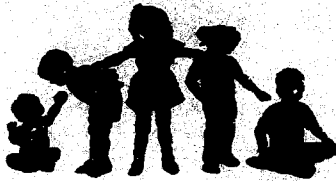
California has the second highest asthma rates in the nation, and spends \$350 million per year in hospital bills on asthma. Researchers suspect that air pollution is a key factor.

These three bills would tighten clean air standards to protect infants and children, ensure that there will be no loss in air quality from elimination of MTBE in gasoline, and fund research into the causes of the increasing number of asthma cases in California.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: SB 25 (Escutia)- STRONG SUPPORT, Request Governor's Signature

Dear Governor Davis:

The Children's Advocacy Institute is in strong support of SB 25 (Escutia), which would ensure that key public health standards for air quality are reviewed and, if necessary, revised to a level that protects infants and children, as well as the general public. In addition, the bill creates the Office of Children's Environmental Health Center within the California Environmental Protection Agency to focus environmental and public health protection on the needs of infants and children. And finally, the bill requires the state Air Resources Board to reevaluate and revise, if necessary, its air monitoring program to more accurately measure the exposure of infants and children to air pollutants. CAI respectfully urges you to sign this important measure into law.

Current health standards for 10 criteria air pollutants and 21 toxic air contaminants are set at levels found to be safe for adult males and do not reflect the greater risk posed to fetuses, infants and children whose brains, nervous systems and bodies are still developing. Children spend at least twice as much time outdoors as adults and roughly three times as much time engaged in outdoor sports and vigorous activity, particularly in the summer months when air quality is typically at its most unhealthful stages. Children's metabolic rates are much faster than adults, resulting in the deep lung ingestion of a disproportionate amount of air pollutants and toxins per pound of body weight, and causing a disproportionate amount of harm. Yet, the California Environmental Protection Agency has no guidelines or procedures to assess environmental health hazards on infants and children.

The incidence of asthma and other chronic pulmonary diseases has more than doubled over the past decade - 500,000 children now suffer from asthma. Health care costs associated with air pollution have been estimated at \$6 billion in California alone. CAI respectfully urges you to sign this important children's health measure into law.

Sincerely,

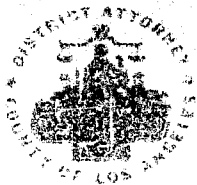
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September 15, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
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**SENATE BILL 25 (ESCUTIA)
SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 25 (Escutia), legislation supported by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Senate Bill 25, The Children's Environmental Health Protection Act, requires the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to review and, if necessary, revise existing health standards for air pollutants and improve control measures for toxic air contaminants to protect the health of infants and children. Senate Bill 25 also creates a Children's Health Center within CalEPA to advise the Secretary of CalEPA and the Governor on environmental health matters that affect infants and children.

Ensuring that California's air quality is safe for infants and children is critical to improving the health of California's children. Children are more susceptible to environmental threats than adults because their bodies are still developing and they spend more time outside breathing unfiltered air than adults.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 25.

Yours very truly,

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By

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CITY ATTORNEY

September 23, 1999

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 25 (Escutia)

Dear Governor Davis:

I support SB 25 (Escutia), which would establish specific requirements that air quality standards and toxic air pollution control programs protect infants and children. This bill is vital to updating state regulatory efforts to reflect emerging new data on children's unique vulnerability to pollutants.

The public, especially those who live and work in Los Angeles, expect state regulatory agencies to respond to these new findings. SB 25 addresses their concerns:

- Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to review and, if necessary, revise existing health standards for air pollutants and improve control measures for toxic air contaminants to ensure the protection of infants and children.
- Requires the California Air Resources Board to evaluate its current monitoring program and make changes necessary to more accurately measure the exposure of infants and children to air pollutants.

This bill would establish a clear and orderly timetable for agencies to review and evaluate existing standards and control measures and determine if new standards and control measures are needed. I urge you to sign SB 25 into law.

Thanks for your consideration

Very truly yours,


JAMES K. HAHN
City Attorney

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The Honorable Gray Davis
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Dear Governor Davis,

SB 25-Children's Environmental Health Protection Act, authored by Senator Escutia. SB 25 protects infants and children against air pollution in three essential ways.

- Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to review and, if necessary, revise existing health standards for air pollutants and improve control measures for toxic air contaminants to ensure the protection of infants and children.
- Requires the California Air Resources Board to evaluate its current monitoring program and make changes necessary to more accurately measure the exposure of infants and children to air pollutants.
- Creates a Children's Environmental Health Center within (CalEPA) to advise the Secretary and the Governor on environmental health matters as they affect infants and children.

California State PTA urges you to sign this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Peggy Dial, Advocate
 California State PTA

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September 27, 1999

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
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RE: SB 25 (Escutia) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

The Planning and Conservation League supports SB 25, and urges you to sign this important legislation.

SB 25 would enact the Children's Environmental Health Protection Act. This bill will help protect infants and children against air pollution by creating a Children's Environmental Health Center within Cal-EPA, and requiring the state to evaluate air pollution monitoring and standard setting to take into account the special sensitivities of children and infants to air contamination.

Please sign SB 25 into law.

Sincerely,

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Dear Governor Davis:

I urge you to please support ~~SB 25~~, SB 989, and SB 1111 to protect air quality and promote child health research.

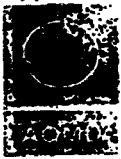
California has the second highest asthma rates in the nation and spends \$350 million per year in hospital bills on asthma. Researchers suspect that air pollution is a key factor.

Asthma is one disability we can limit and/or prevent by legislating sound environmental public policy to protect the air our children breath.

My Best to you,



Frances Gracechild
Executive Director



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September 29, 1999

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Dear Governor Davis:

SB 25 - Support

The South Coast Air Quality Management District supports Senate Bill 25, which requires the state to review and, if necessary, revise public health standards for air pollution to protect infants and children.

Children are uniquely vulnerable to environmental health risks. Their cells are rapidly growing and they eat, drink, and breathe proportionately more per pound of body weight than adults. Children also have potentially higher exposures due to their behavior (playing outside, crawling on the floor, etc.). Recognizing these differences is good environmental policy. SB 25 does that for all air and toxic standard-setting processes. The bill also provides for additional air quality monitoring to specifically monitor children's exposure to air pollutants.

The children's health issue deserves all the attention it is now receiving at the national and state level. SB 25 is an important step forward in environmental policy making. On behalf of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, I urge you to sign SB 25 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry R. Wallerstein".

Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.
Executive Officer

LCV:TC

cc: Senator Martha Esentia



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The Honorable Gray Davis, Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE: SB 25 (Escutia/Ortiz)

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing today on behalf of the California Coalition of United Cerebral Palsy Associations and asking for signature on SB 25 (Escutia/Ortiz). This legislation would merely declare that it is the Legislature's intent that the state's air quality standards and airborne toxic control measures should be reviewed to determine if they adequately protect the health of infants and children. If such a review determines those standards and measures are inadequate, they should then be revised.

UCP affiliates across the state provide various community-based programs for children with developmental disabilities. Pollution and airborne toxins which can effect healthy children are doubly dangerous to our clients that are often medically fragile. As you may know, infants and children normally have a higher ventilation rate than adults relative to their body weight and lung surface areas, meaning they receive a proportionately larger dose of pollution delivered to their lungs. In addition, children have narrower airways than adults, thus irritation or inflammation caused by air pollution can result in a potentially significant obstruction of their airways. These conditions which may only cause irritations in healthy children can conceivably send some of clients into shock.

Because of the above reasons, and on behalf of all the state's children, we ask for your signature on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cohen
Chairperson

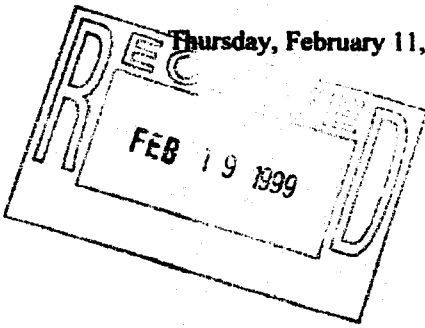
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SB 25

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Thursday, February 11, 1999



The Honorable Gray Davis
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Dear Governor Davis:

This letter is to solicit your support of **Bill SB 25 (Environmental health protection for children)**. The bill aims to set pollution limits for air, water and food tailored for kids not adults. It requires the various state agencies that set allowable levels for toxins to adjust their standards based on any new research on the chemicals' impact on children's health. The standards are used to determine whether polluters are operating within legal limits.

Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt ambient air quality standards in consideration of specific factors, including public health effects, as specified. Existing law also requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to estimate exposure levels, as specified, in evaluating the health effects of toxic air contaminants, and requires the state board to specify threshold levels for health effects in listing substances determined to be inadequate.

Bill SB 25 would state the Legislature's intent that California air quality standards and airborne toxic control measures should be reviewed to determine if they adequately protect the health of infants and children, and that these standards and measures should be revised if they are determined to be inadequate.

Currently Bill SB 25 is in the Rules Committee, waiting to be assigned to a policy committee. It is my hope that you will stand behind it and push for its passing. This legislation is very important to the future of our youth. It has been documented that several children have contracted diseases due to pollution from factory's in the 50th district, one of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's "hot spots". Some children have even died, such as Alex Perales, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, then leukemia at age 14. Therefore I strongly urge you to support SB 25.

Sincerely,

Thema Kali Chandler

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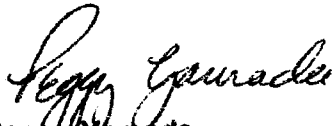
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Governor Gray Davis
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Re: SB 25

Dear Governor Davis:

I support this Bill wholeheartedly and hope you will sign this bill as promised. Thank you.



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