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July 12, 2011

Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

As members of the California Legislature, we urge your Administration to take immediate action to prohibit the use of methyl iodide in California. In the past few months, there have been three applications of cancer-causing methyl iodide in our state's fields. With pesticide fumigant season fast-approaching, we need to take action now. Moreover, in light of substantial scientific data accumulated and reported by the Scientific Review Committee commissioned by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), we are requesting DPR to suspend and cancel all uses of iodomethane (methyl iodide) in the state.

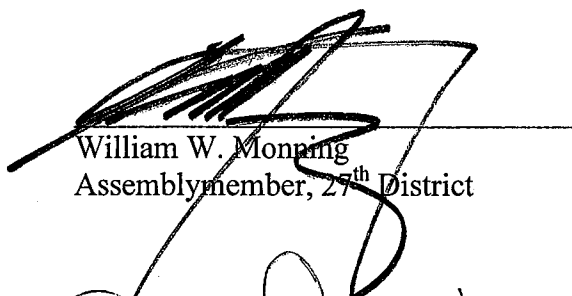
Extensive scientific analyses have been conducted on methyl iodide and scientists have overwhelmingly concluded that the adverse health and environmental risks to public, worker, and environmental safety associated with this chemical are significant. Methyl iodide is a known carcinogen (Proposition 65 list), neurotoxin, and mutagen. Additionally, there is significant potential for contamination to ground water. According to the chair of the Scientific Review Committee, Dr. John Froines, "there is no safe level of use for methyl iodide."

We urge you to follow one of the four components environmental scientists refer to as the Precautionary Principle when making a pesticide registration decision and that is to assert caution as a preventive action when there is concern about the possible impact on public health. Initial evidence from the use of methyl iodide in Florida indicates serious threats to air quality and groundwater. Additionally, the US Environmental Protection Agency is currently reviewing this substantial body of science. We must act now before Californians – farmworkers, neighboring communities and consumers – face any further threats from methyl iodide.

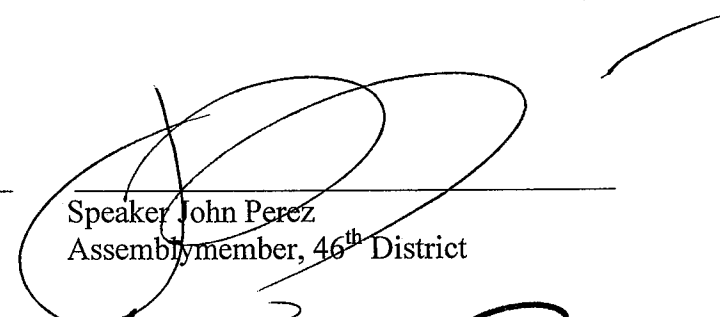
Thank you for your consideration.

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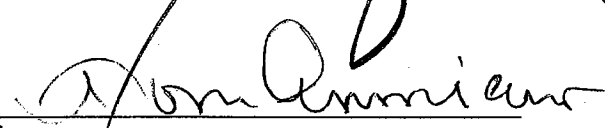
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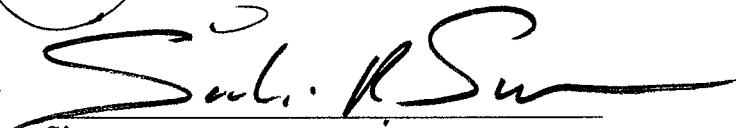
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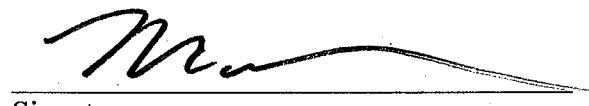
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