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Dear Ms. Jackson and Mr. Owens:

As members of the California Legislature, we strongly urge a decision by US EPA to re-open the scientific evaluation process for the registration of methyl iodide. In light of further scientific data accumulated and reported by the Scientific Review Committee commissioned by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, we are requesting US EPA to suspend and cancel all uses of iodomethane (methyl iodide) in the United States, pending review of the scientific evidence.

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



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caution as a preventive action when there is concern about the possible impact on public health. The risks are far too great to do otherwise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



William W. Monning
Assemblymember, 27th District

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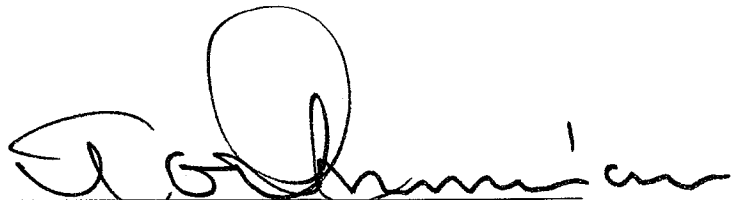


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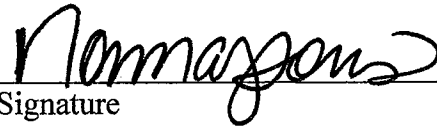
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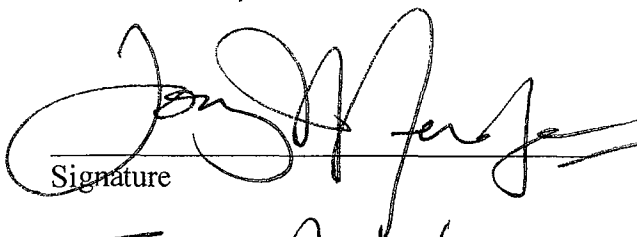
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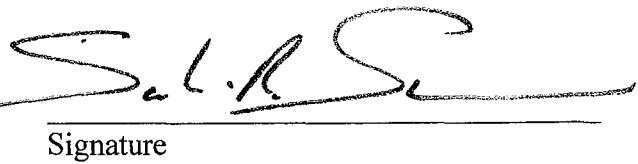
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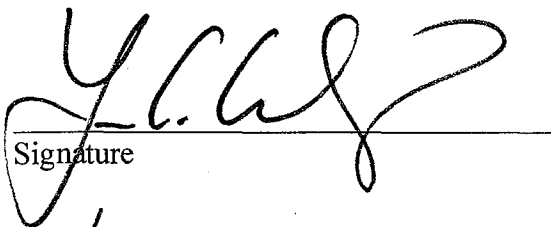
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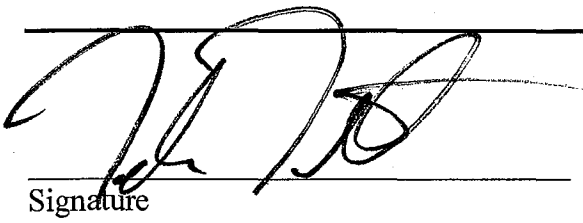
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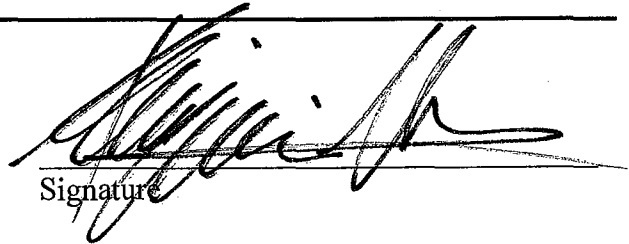
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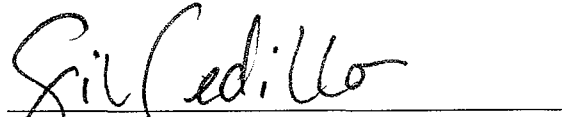
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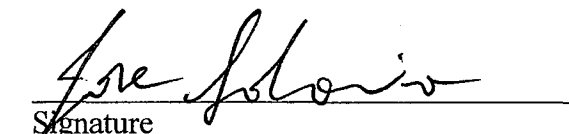
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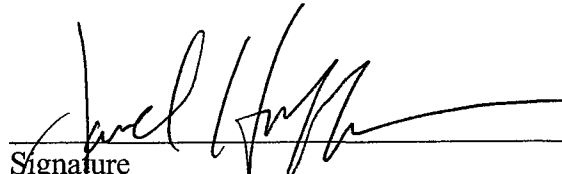
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