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Subject: Re: Comments on Consumer Products Regulation amendments – Workshop, April 14th, 2020

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Dear CARB California Air Resources Board,

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to sunset the 2% fragrance exemption in the CARB regulations. VOCs cause indoor and outdoor air pollution, and adversely affect our health whether they come from fragrance or from any other source. CARB should be treating all industries equitably when it comes to reducing VOC emissions.

Sunsetting the fragrance exemption should lead to reduced use of unnecessary fragrances in certain products, which will have numerous public health benefits above and beyond VOC emission reductions.

Research has shown that there is a considerable proportion of the population that have reported adverse reactions to fragranced products. In a recent national survey, over 34% of respondents in the U.S. reported health problems, such as migraine headaches and respiratory difficulties, in response to exposure to fragranced products. In addition, skin allergies to fragrance are well documented in the scientific literature. Between 2-11% of the general population experience skin allergies to fragrance. A growing number of people have developed chemical sensitivities and become disabled by fragrance exposures, resulting in job losses and other economic harms.

I support changes to regulations which should reduce the overall public exposure to fragrances, and would go further to protect public health by banning their use in public places the same way smoking has been banned in public places.

The elimination of the exemption should occur AS SOON AS possible for public health; I do not support extending the deadline to 2031.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Regards,
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