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**Mary Nichols**  
**Chairman**  
**California Air Resources Board**  
**1001 "I" Street**  
**P.O. Box 2815**  
**Sacramento, CA 95812**

Dear Chairman Nichols,

As a consumer and concerned citizen, I urge the California Air Resources Board to strengthen and adopt the 2010 Consumer Products Regulation Amendments. This would reduce the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in products such as multipurpose cleaning products, metal polishers, insecticides and window cleaners.

VOCs are toxic, smog-forming emissions that harm our health and contaminate our air. Everyone is vulnerable to the effects of these chemicals, which are emitted by products often used where we work and live, as well as where our children study and play.

- Many children in our communities suffer from asthma, and the chemicals emitted by cleaning products at school only increase their chances of an attack or of developing asthma in the future.
- A recent study by the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine found that 12 percent of work-related asthma cases are linked to the use of cleaning products.
- According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, teachers and janitors have the highest asthma rates in the working population.

I encourage you to strongly regulate and reduce the harmful chemicals in consumer products. In doing so, we can set an important precedent in protecting the health of families and workers—not only in our state, but nationwide as well.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ed Begley, Jr.

