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Dr. George Alexeeff
Director
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
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Sacramento, California 95812

Dear Director Alexeeff:

I am pleased that your agency is considering using authority granted to it under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, known as "Prop 65," to list Bisphenol A (BPA) as a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. It is appropriate that your agency is exploring the potential health risks of BPA to the people of California. I have long been concerned about the negative health effects linked to BPA, and I am encouraged by the work your agency has done to evaluate the potential reproductive harm that BPA may cause.

I am pleased that state and federal regulators have taken steps to carefully review the safety of BPA. The National Toxicology Program at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences has expressed concern about the health effects of BPA on fetuses, infants, and children. In addition, at least eleven states have taken action to increase consumer awareness and reduce exposure to BPA.

I appreciate your diligent review of evidence relating to the safety of BPA, and ask that you give every consideration to the available scientific evidence regarding this chemical and the health risks it may present.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator