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Ms. Monet Vela
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RE: Comment Letter – BPA Warnings – OPPOSE AS PROPOSED

Dear Ms. Monet Vela:

We are writing to oppose the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) proposed rulemaking on Bisphenol A (BPA) exposure warnings for canned and bottled foods and beverages. While we laud OEHHA's recognition that BPA qualifies for Proposition 65 warnings due to toxicity relating to female reproduction, we strongly believe that point-of-sale warnings are not sufficient to adequately inform the public that they are exposing themselves to this harmful chemical. As such, the proposed rulemaking extending point-of-sale warnings needs to be amended.

Instead of general point-of sale warnings, a rule better designed to protect public health and ensure that every Californian has the "right to know" what is in the products they purchase would follow OEHHA's precedent with cocamide diethanolamine (cocamide DEA). For this chemical, manufacturers reformulated their products to remove cocamide DEA, printed a Proposition 65 warning directly on newly manufactured products with cocamide DEA, and/or provided retailers with warning stickers that could be affixed directly to products already in stock that contained cocamide DEA. This approach removes all ambiguity for customers about the dangers of the products they are purchasing and truly enhances the "right to know."

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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