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The Honorable Lauren Zeise  
Acting Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Acting Director Zeise,

I am writing with great concern regarding the risk posed to Californians by Bisphenol-A (BPA) in packaged food products, and to urge you to support strong labeling requirements for these products under California Proposition 65.

Studies continue to show risks of negative health effects, including reproductive disorders and heart disease, due to exposure to BPA. The most common method of exposure is through canned goods and other food packaging. As you know, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHHA) recently added BPA to its list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm, requiring products containing BPA sold in California to be labeled as such.

Given this requirement, I was troubled to learn that the OEHHHA proposed rule to regulate consumer notification of BPA requires only point-of-sale signage. I strongly believe that this type of non-specific, easily overlooked signage fails to properly notify consumers of the potential risk of the products they purchase.

In its final rule, I urge OEHHHA to require individual, on-package labeling for food products containing BPA. In doing so, California would continue to act as a leader in public health and safety, as it has so often done in the past.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact my staff with questions or to discuss this matter further. I thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your continued work on behalf of the people of California.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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