



**A VOICE FOR CHOICE
ADVOCACY**

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SB258 (Lara)
Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017

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Dear CA Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee Members,

A Voice for Choice Advocacy asks for your **AYE VOTE on SB258**.

A Voice for Choice Advocacy is in support of SB258, Cleaning Products Right to Know Act, and we ask for your support in passing SB258, which would require manufacturers of cleaning products to disclose ingredients or contaminants of concern on labels, packaging, and the manufacturer's website.

Cleaning products contain a multitude of ingredients that are known contributors to cancers and other life altering diseases. Ingredients and contaminants of concern are required to be labeled when they are added to food products, retail cosmetics, and drugs, but there is currently no requirement to label cleaning products that are used by millions of Californians daily. The cause for concern is compounded for cleaning service professionals whose exposure to cleaning products is excessive. Cleaning service professionals, low-income and minority workers in particular, have higher rates of asthma and respiratory illnesses, and, in the case of pregnant workers, higher rates of birth defects. In addition, concerning chemicals from cleaning products are found in the California water supply, urine, blood, breast milk, and the umbilical cords of newborns.

It is imperative to inform consumers, employers, and employees of the inclusion of harmful ingredients in cleaning supplies to preserve their ability to make an informed choice when buying cleaning supplies, disposing of cleaning supplies, and decreasing the exposure to the harmful ingredients.

Support of SB258 applies the same standard of labeling practices in place for food, retail cosmetics and drugs to cleaning supplies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Giving issues a voice, A Voice for Choice Advocacy advocates for people's rights to be fully informed about the composition, quality, and short- and long-term health effects of all products that go into people's bodies, such as food, water, air, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.