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Senator Connie Leyva
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: (SB574-Leyva) —SUPPORT

Dear Senator Leyva:

The undersigned organizations representing the interests of public health, workers, consumers and environmental health and justice, are writing to state our strong support for the Toxic Fragrance and Flavor Chemicals Right to Know Act of 2019 (SB574-Leyva).

This important consumer and worker right to know bill requires companies selling beauty or personal care products in California to report any fragrance or flavor ingredient to the California Safe Cosmetics Program that appears on one or more of the 27 authoritative hazard lists referenced in the bill. The Safe Cosmetics Program will publish this information on its public database.

For the first time ever, this disclosure will give the public and professional salon workers the right to information they need to avoid harmful fragrance and flavor ingredients in the cosmetic products they bring into their homes -- or workplaces -- every day. Currently, there are no federal or state laws that require the disclosure of fragrance or flavor ingredients in retail cosmetics or professional salon products. With this bill, California has the opportunity to build on both the precedent-setting right to know legislation enacted last year requiring disclosure of ingredients in professional salon products (AB 2775-Kalra) and the Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017 (SB258-Lara).

The lack of disclosure of fragrance and flavor ingredients is concerning because of the numerous health risks associated with many of these chemicals. Consider this:

- There are nearly 4,000 fragrance ingredients declared by the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) to currently be in use in fragrance and over 3,000 flavor ingredients designated by the International Organization of the Flavor Industry. These lists include carcinogens, reproductive toxicants, neurotoxicants, allergens and other chemicals of concern.

- Recent data compiled by Women’s Voices for the Earth, reveals that a third of all chemicals on the IFRA fragrance palette have been flagged as potentially toxic by scientists around the world.

- Personal care product testing conducted by Breast Cancer Prevention Partners in 2018 revealed that three out of four hazardous chemicals identified in the products tested were
chemicals that appear on the IFRA fragrance ingredients list.

- 35 flavors listed on the International Organization of the Flavorings Industry (IOFI) are on the Department of Toxic Substance Control’s Candidate Chemicals List linking them to harm to human health or the environment.

- 10 flavor ingredients that appear on the International Organization of the Flavorings Industry (IOFI) list are carcinogens or reproductive toxicants listed on California Proposition 65’s list.

The use of fragrance in consumer products is pervasive and almost impossible to avoid. Fragrance chemicals are found in more than 95% of shampoos, conditioners, hair styling products, antiperspirants and shaving products as well as fine fragrances, body spray and lotions. Disclosure of toxic fragrance ingredients would give Californians the power to select safer products.

The problem of fragrance is not confined to consumers. Workers also face negative health impacts as a result of fragrance exposure and have a right to know what fragrance ingredients they are being exposed to so they can also better protect their health.

- Professional salon workers are disproportionately exposed to fragrance in the workplace. Hairdressers and beauticians have a 47-fold higher risk of fragrance skin allergies than people in other occupations.

- The California Work-Related Asthma Prevention Program has documented that use of fragranced products in the workplace is associated with work-related-asthma.

We believe consumers and workers have a fundamental right to know whether toxic ingredients are present in the products they use every day which is why we support the Toxic Fragrance and Flavor Chemicals Right to Know Act of 2019.

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