



February 14, 2008

Dori Gilels  
Erin Thompson  
Women's Voices for the Earth  
114 W. Pine Street  
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Dear Meses. Gilels and Thompson:

The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is writing in response to your January 25, 2008 letter to the Soap and Detergent Association (SDA) which references CSPA on the issue of ingredient disclosure in cleaning products. CSPA is a national nonprofit trade association that represents more than 260 companies engaged in the formulation, manufacture, distribution and sale of consumer and institutional products including household and institutional cleaners, disinfectants, floor polishes, air care products, automotive products, insect repellants and consumer pesticide products.

Communicating product ingredient information is a challenging task considering the need to provide meaningful product ingredient information to consumers while balancing the need to protect proprietary and confidential business information. CSPA and SDA have been working together to proactively address ingredient disclosure legislation in California. Specifically, we are working with Senator Joe Simitian on his bill, Senate Bill 509. This legislation, in its current form, would require consumer product manufacturers to uniquely disclose on a website all substances contained in a product above 1/10 of 1-percent.

CSPA is committed to working with Senator Simitian on this legislation to find effective ways to provide meaningful product ingredient information to consumers in California and beyond. As such, we have met with Senator Simitian and his staff and representatives from various nongovernmental organizations to discuss opportunities for us to work together on this very important issue in California. We appreciate your interest in this issue and invite you to become engaged with us in these discussions as they move forward.

Please feel free to contact me or CSPA's Director of State Affairs, Andy Hackman at (202) 833-7328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Cathcart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Cathcart  
President