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Most California Dry Cleaners are Mom & Pop Businesses. Thus our industry is not well organized & does not have financial & other resources as most enviourmentalist operations do. A good example is your decision to ban Perk. While our industry was working with your staff we should have been writing you to give you individually a better picture of our industry. I'm sure you heard from a lot of environmental groups.

I urge you to reconsider the Ban on Perk & consider the following.

1. The alternative technologies, except the one common solvent that could be used in place of Perk have not been around long enough to really prove themselves. Air Resources publication also STATES that the one common replacement causes the release of SMOG forming emissions & the board could prohibit the use of this alternative. With the Ban on Perk this is a disturbing & misleading message in that your publication is also using this alternative for a cost comparison to Perk.

2. Carbon Dioxide is too expensive & Water Based cleaning system is not a total answer. Major organization (IFI) agree that Wet Cleaning (Water Based) can do from 60%to 80% of the market. With Wet Cleaning you must reequip your plant, not just the Dry Clean machine.

3. Air Resource Board will give economic assistance to Dry Cleaners who switch to Wet Cleaning & Carbon Dioxide. Why not Rynex & Green Earth?? Health boards are letting Dry Cleaners use these solvents with very few regulations. Most of this assistance comes from fees Dry Cleaners are paying. Green Earth advertises on television that they are not toxic. When I asked why we can't get grants on these two alternatives the answer is that it is a legislative issue. Why can't the ban be delayed until these two alternatives are cleared for use?

4. California is the only state that I know of that is putting a Ban on Perk. In fact, one State has determined it not to be a problem using proper equipment. I know in California we take pride in being this "FIRST" With this issue I feel we are going to fast.

5 Please consider the Nordic Study.

6. Publications from Air Resources suggest that a typical owner would have to Charge an additional 56cents per garment using Hydrocarbon. This sounds good, but I'm having a hard time keeping up with all the other costs that have increased. My customers are very price sensitive.

7. I know of one Water Based Cleaner that went out of business, & I am confident that other Water Based Cleaners are sending part of there garments to other cleaners for processing.

8 Have you had your favorite Suit cleaned in water???What was the cost?

9 My understanding is that the state was split into Air Districts because each District has its own air quality problems. If this is the case , each district Should be able to Ban or Regulate Perk.

Respectfully

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