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Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
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Dear Chairman and Board Members

As a life long Perc dry cleaner and owner, it is my desire to see the continued use of perc in the future. Having used perc in the family business since 1947, I have seen no harmful effects to the employees and family members. Our employees are working in the building 40 hours a week 50 weeks a year. This is not unique for cleaning plants across the nation.. In Europe a similar situation prevails, re: Nordic Study. If perc is harmful, I would think after 60 years of exposure to all those people a problem would have been identified. The owners in many cases are the operators of their cleaning machines and have closer and longer exposure. In our case we were the only operators doing the cleaning, 50 hours a week, 52 weeks a year.
Previous to our closed loop machine we used a transfer method for 40 years where we physically transferred the wet clothes to a dryer. With a closed loop machine no one is exposed to perc fumes and we have also decreased our use of perc by 80%. This has greatly increased the safety and economy of using perc.
The new machine is good for another 15 to 20 years. It has been paid off for eight years, so to go to the expense of changing to another machine could range from $60,000 to $120,000. Perc does not take from the ozone layer or add to smog.
Other systems of cleaning work, but not as good or as effective as perc. A good percentage of our business is the cleaning of draperies and other options are not suitable to clean most draperies.

Sincerely

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