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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

Enclosed are 30 copies of my comments for your Title 17 meeting slated for January 25 and 26, 2007.

My name is William Casassa and I am the owner of Marin Cleaners Inc., a four-generation family business in San Rafael. I fall under the jurisdiction of the BAAQMD. We are a larger cleaners with 59 employees. I currently use both perc and petroleum solvents.

My family and I are passionate about our business. We are not passionate about dry-cleaning solvent. We will use whatever fluid wins the debate. Please do what is right for California and us.

Sincerely,

William Casassa

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Title 17. California Air Resources Board

Re: Two day meeting January 25 and 26, 2007

PLEASE be aware that there are two (2) dry-cleaning conventions scheduled soon this year. The first is the Federation of Korean Dry-cleaning Associations show at Anaheim on March 24-25, 2007 and the National Clean Show in Las Vegas on June 10-14, 2007.

If the board's final recommendation is to steer perc out of the industry, then you owe it to all concerned to be straightforward and timely with your conclusions.

The most disturbing line in your proposal is under 'Description of Alternatives' on page 3. I quote "Since one common solvent that could be used in place of perc causes the release of smog-forming emissions, the Board could also prohibit the use of machines that emit smog-forming emissions as a mitigating action associated with restricting the use of perc."

Well, ladies and gentleman, you just knocked out petroleum as an alternative and wiped out about 95% of our selections in new dry-cleaning machines.

With global warming becoming your new mantra, wouldn't it be something if you end up banning the one solvent that contributes the least to the greenhouse effect. With Al Gore's timely movie documentary, England and our own pro business governor leading the global warming charge, your direction MAY have to change.

It makes no sense to force this industry out of one solvent and put it into another that you will be forced to remove immediately. You will force a political rebellion for the folly of bankrupting an industry.

A great number of California drycleaners will want to purchase new machines at these two upcoming shows at great cost to their businesses and livelihood. It is incumbent upon YOU to tell us which cleaning agents will be viable for our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
William Casassa