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MAKERS OF THE WORLD'S FAVORITE BRANDS OF
FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS

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Ms. Dorothy Shimer
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Air Resources Board
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Dear Ms. Shimer:

The Grocery Manufacturers of America (GMA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Air Resources Board's (ARB's) Draft for Public Review of the Report to the California Legislature: Indoor Air Pollution in California as required by Assembly Bill 1173 (Keeley, 2002; Cal. Health & Safety Code § 39930).

GMA is the world's largest association of food, beverage and consumer product companies. Led by a board of 46 Chief Executive Officers, GMA applies legal, scientific and political expertise from its more than 140 member companies to vital public policy issues affecting its membership. The association also leads efforts to increase productivity, efficiency and growth in the food, beverage and consumer products industry. With U.S. sales of more than \$500 billion, GMA members employ more than 2.5 million workers in all 50 states, with over 290 facilities employing more than 73,000 workers in California.

GMA supports ARB's efforts to curtail exposure to harmful pollutants and environmental hazards. Consumer product manufacturers work diligently to ensure their products are safe for consumers and the environment. GMA's members ensure their products do not adversely impact air quality.

However, GMA objects to requiring emissions testing and special labeling by manufacturers of consumer products. Multiple labeling on consumer products serves only to confuse consumers, rather than provide any demonstrable health benefit. Instead, GMA's members will continue to provide products that are safe for both the consumer and environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to share GMA's concerns. I can be reached at (916) 447-9425 or kpowers@gmabrands.com if you have questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

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