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(To Whom)(Mailing Address)

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**Re: YES on AB693, Chau – Stop Proposition 65 Abuse**

Dear (to whom),

I’m writing to express my strong support for AB 693, Chau – Stop Proposition 65 Abuse. Prop 65 is being used as a tool for some private enforcers to unreasonably demand hundreds of thousands of dollars, sometimes millions of dollars, from food distributors and retailers.

Companies receive 60-day notices about chemicals allegedly found in their products, though in many instances, the products do not contain those chemicals. Yet, some private enforcers file 60-Day Notices with the California Attorney General’s office and continue to demand a settlement. To force these businesses to settle for large amounts of money, some private enforcers have refused to settle, to purposely drive-up attorney fees.

All imported food products are required meet the requirements of the Foreign Supplier Verification Programs regulation. Additionally, the FDA continuously collects samples and monitors food products to verify it is safe for consumption.

Businesses who receive a 60-Day Notice are not given any type of proof such as lab results, purchase receipts or proof that the product belongs to the business. Retailers have a five-day grace period to make corrections but distributors and suppliers do not. Some private enforcers do not file their out of court settlements with the attorney general, as required under Prop 65.

The passage of AB 227, Gatto, helped curb Prop 65 abuse for restaurants, cafes and auto industries. AB 693 will help protect food distributors and suppliers in a similar manner. We fully support AB 693 and respectfully request your vote to support it.

Thank you,

(Name)

(Position)

(Business)