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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 48 (Saldaña) – Restriction of Hazardous Substances - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Planning and Conservation League strongly supports AB 48, a bill that will expand existing California law to require manufacturers to phase out the use of specified, non-essential hazardous materials in most consumer electronics.

Last year, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) affirmed the finding that most electronic devices 'exhibit the characteristics of toxicity,' and as of February 2006, such devices banned from disposal in solid waste landfills. Moreover, an analysis by the California Integrated Waste Management Board reveals that Californians discard of more than 515,000 tons of these toxic electronics annually.

California has a responsibility to protect public health and the environment from the exposure of harmful and toxic materials. Human exposure to these carcinogenic substances can result in damage to the nervous, kidney, neurological and reproductive systems.

The Planning and Conservation League respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 48.

Sincerely,

René L. Guerrero
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña



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