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Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 86 (Durazo) Department of Pesticide Regulation: chlorpyrifos: quarterly reports**  
**AAP-CA Position: CO-SPONSOR**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide, is proud to cosponsor SB 86 (Durazo) as amended on July 27, 2020, which would require the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to submit quarterly reports on the amount of chlorpyrifos use in granular form and the department's plans for monitoring that use.

Chlorpyrifos is highly toxic, with demonstrated severe health effects at far below current average exposure levels. One long-term Columbia University study found that toddlers with higher levels of chlorpyrifos exposure displayed developmental delays by age three, and were more than five times as likely to be on the autism spectrum and more than 11 times as likely to display symptoms of attention disorders than their peers. In the 2016 Risk Assessment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) found that combined dermal and inhalation exposures exceeded the level USEPA determined was safe for workers even when maximal personal protective equipment or engineering controls were assumed.

In October 2019, California's DPR announced that sales of certain chlorpyrifos products would end by January 1, 2020. Products that apply chlorpyrifos in its granular form, however, will continue to be allowed to remain on the market with DPR monitoring any exposures associated with these products.

SB 86 (Durazo) would require DPR to submit quarterly reports to legislative committees on the amount of chlorpyrifos used in granular form and the department's plans for monitoring the use of chlorpyrifos in granular form. Given the scientific evidence of the harm caused by chlorpyrifos, it is imperative that specific data on granular uses be provided to the legislature, empowering them to make responsible decisions regarding this product.

Pediatricians across the state of California respectfully request your signature on SB 86 (Durazo). Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris E. Calvin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kris Calvin, CEO  
American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP California Leadership