

January 15, 2009

Maureen Gorsen  
Director, Dept of Toxic Substances Control  
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**Re: Kelly Moran and Debbie Raphael – Appointments to Green Ribbon Science Panel -- Support**

Dear Director Gorsen:

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) strongly supports the appointment of two outstanding individuals to the Green Ribbon Science Panel established to help guide the implementation of the Green Chemistry legislation and recommendations – Dr. Kelly Moran and Ms. Debbie Raphael. Both women have the experience and skills to assist you in preventing pollution, putting safeguards on consumer products, and stimulating a green transformation in chemicals policy.

First, Dr. Moran has both the scientific and policy expertise that the Panel will need. She has applied her knowledge of chemistry and environmental science toward solutions for some of California's most pressing pollution problems, focusing particularly on those caused by dozens of consumer products, from light bulbs and thermostats to tires and pesticides. In addition, she has served on DTSC's Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee, as a Planning Commissioner for the City of San Mateo, and as Sierra Club California's leading volunteer expert on toxics issues. She initiated the Brake Pad Partnership, working with brake pad manufacturers to generate scientific studies that make the case for a phase out of the intentional use of copper in brake pads. CPSC is working closely with Dr. Moran as she introduces legislation based on this research and have been very impressed with her work.

Ms. Raphael has been involved in implementing the principles of Green Chemistry in local government for both the City of Santa Monica and San Francisco. She pioneered the establishment of environmentally preferable purchasing programs, established toxics reduction standards for green business certification, and crafted local legislation that restricts the use of chemicals of high concern from products sold within City limits that became the basis for State and Federal legislation. She also urged the City of San Francisco to be a founding member of the CPSC and served as the chair of the collection/financing committee of the Fluorescent Lighting Taskforce created by AB 1109. For the past 15 years she has managed local government household hazardous waste and pollution prevention programs and she understands the economic and environmental need to ensure that producers of products are engaged in the end-of-life solutions which start with front-end design changes.

We believe Dr. Moran and Ms. Raphael are two of the most qualified candidates in California to serve on the Green Ribbon Panel and we strongly support their appointment.

Sincerely,



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