



May 27, 2022

The Honorable Ben Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
1021 O Street, Suite 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 2208 (Kalra & Becker): Mercury Lamp Pollution Prevention Act – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Allen,

We, the undersigned, write to document our support for AB 2208 (Kalra), the Mercury Lamp Pollution Prevention Act, as amended May 25, 2022, which would phase out the sale of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) used for general lighting applications in California.

We support AB 2208 because:


1. **Mercury-free alternatives are readily available, making the sale of CFLs and LFLs unnecessary:** Mercury and its compounds are highly toxic to humans and the World Health Organization puts mercury in the top ten most problematic chemicals for public health. Much more energy-efficient, mercury-free light emitting diode (LED) technology can easily and affordably replace fluorescent lamps and are readily available.
2. **LED alternatives are better for the environment:** LED replacements for fluorescent lamps do not contain any mercury, use approximately half the electricity as fluorescents to produce the same amount of light, and last 2-3 times longer.
3. **It will save Californians money:** According to estimates from the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP), by 2030 California residential, commercial, and industrial consumers would save about \$1 billion annually on their utility bills by transitioning from the most common fluorescent lamps to LEDs.

AB 2208 would not only help protect Californians from the unnecessary threat of mercury exposure from fluorescent lamps, but it is also an important climate protection initiative that

would accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy through increased use of energy-efficient LED lighting solutions.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 2208 and urge your “Aye” vote when it is heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

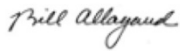
Sincerely,



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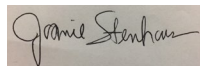
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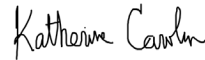
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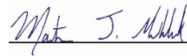
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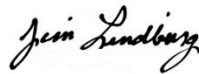
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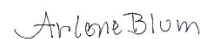
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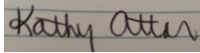
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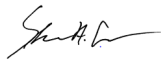
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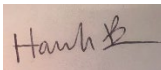
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