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August 23, 2021

Julie Henderson, Director California Department of Pesticide Regulations 1001 | Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1788(Bloom) Implementation and Vector Control Districts

Director Henderson:

It has come to my attention that there has been some confusion on the implementation of 1788 (Bloom), specifically the intent of the bill as it implies to Vector Controls ability to contract out services if needed to perform their daily duties.

As the author of AB 1788, it was not my intent in any way to impede the daily duties of the various statewide vector control districts, in fact I exempt them in the bill:

"(3) The use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides by a mosquito or vector control district formed under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 2000) of Division 3 or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code to protect the public health."

As written, AB 1788's exemption should be applied to any vector control district should they need to contract out with a 3rd party to fulfill their vital role in protecting public health.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting my office Chief of Staff, Guy Strahl, at (916) 319-2050 or at guy.strahl@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

RICHARD BLOOM

Assemblymember, 50th District

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