



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: April 10, 2018

Subject: Letter of Support to Fund the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

AUTHORIZE the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter to the County's Congressional representatives providing support to continue the funding for the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), as recommended by the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

**BACKGROUND:**

The CSB was created by the 1990 Clean Air Act and investigation chemical incidents to determine the root cause of the incident and makes recommendations on how to prevent such similar incidents in the future. The President's proposed budget would defund the CSB. Attached is a letter from the Hazardous Materials Commission making a request that the Chair of the Board send a letter to the County's Congressional representatives to continue to fund the CSB.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **04/10/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 10, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County has over 3,500 facilities that handle hazardous materials, including four petroleum refineries and a number of chemical facilities. The valuable lessons learned from the CSB investigations will be lost, including how to prevent releases, spills, and fires from facilities handling hazardous materials.

### ATTACHMENTS

Letter for HazMat Commission

Board Letter to Senator Harris

Board Letter to Senator Feinstein

Board Letter to Rep Thompson

Board Letter to Rep DeSaulnier