

Office of California Attorney General Statement on Substitute Amendment to S. 697

April 27, 2015

Dear Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, and members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works:

The Office of the California Attorney General does not support the substitute amendment to S. 697 offered by Senator Vitter on April 27, 2015, absent additional changes. Our primary concern remains the premature preemption of state authority to regulate toxic chemicals, combined with unworkable provisions for waiver of this preemption, which in our view continue to outweigh improvements in other areas addressed by the bill. We applaud the introduction of the Gillibrand amendment that would eliminate the prohibition on state action in the wake of EPA initiation of a safety assessment of a high priority chemical.