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Subject: HB72 - Safe Drinking Water Disclosure Act

Daniel O'Bannon
Senator Robles'
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Representative Barrus

Mr. O'Bannon,

Governor Herbert's office suggested we send this note to you since HB72 was just approved by the Senate on March 7, 2013. Senator Robles' is the representative in the Senate for Thatcher Company located at 1905 Fortune Road in Salt Lake City. We requested an audience with Senator Robles' through email on March 1, 2013 to discuss our concerns but did not receive a reply. Senators Dabakis and Knudson voted no against HB72 on the 2nd reading of the Senate. We feel that HB72 is unnecessary and will have several unintended consequences. Our supplier of HFS (hydrofluosilicic acid) is the largest supplier of HFS in the United States. They have told us that the new requirements being consider by the State of Utah would be the first in the United States. They also said that if your amendment passes as written they will not supply HFS to Utah. **Our supplier is concerned that under the terms of the bill their proprietary information would not be protected. They are willing to submit the information required by the bill but need assurance that the State of Utah will protect their information and that it would not be released to the public without their permission.** A clause needs to be added to HB72 that guarantees this. If that is not possible they will exit the market and your largest distributor of HFS (Thatcher Company) will not be able to service the water districts. This would result in increased prices to the water companies due to decreased competition without any benefit to the public.

Recently our water treatment chemical engineer (Jeff Zidek) was invited to be a guest speaker at the AWWA seminar held in Davis County. At this seminar the attendees included every major municipality in Utah for which HFS is used including the Davis County Health Department. Our specialist demonstrated several HFS proper handling procedures (photos) from Centerville City, Weber Basin, Jordan Valley Water and the Utah Division of Drinking Water. Also displayed and explained was our HFS Certificate of Analysis, Specification Sheets, our drivers PPE (personal protection equipment) requirements and the customized tanks tags we install at each fill point to further ensure safety. No other HFS distributors or suppliers were in attendance at the AWWA seminar. **Do you want to remove Thatcher Company as a valuable HFS resource to the water districts by enacting this bill as it stands?**

Finally, we are concerned that Thatcher Company was not contacted by anyone in the House or the Senate to come and offer our opinion on this bill. As the largest provider of HFS for the State of Utah we would hope that our expertise and experience would be a valuable asset within this process.

Please consider recommending a veto of HB72 to Governor Herbert until a confidentiality statement can be added to HB72. This modification to HB72 is in the best interest of the State of Utah from both a financial and safety perspective.

We look forward to your response and the continued opportunity to provide HFS and our exceptional safety and service to the water districts in Utah.

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