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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 223 (Ma) Safe Body Art Act
POSITION: REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am a client of Body Manipulations, professional piercing studio and sponsor of AB 223. I am a concerned citizen of the great state of California, I request the passing signature for AB 223 (Ma). This bill has overwhelming support from The California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA), the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), the Association of Professional Piercers (APP), and the body arts industry as a whole. AB 223 establishes clear statewide standards for the tattoo, piercing and permanent cosmetics industry in California which is long overdue in our State.

Specifically, AB 223 will:

- Establish clear scope of local authority;
- Establish clear requirements for registration of practitioners;
- Establish consistent enforcement of mobile and fixed body art sites;
- Protect clients through informed consent requirements; and
- Promote safe body art through enhanced practitioners' knowledge of blood-borne pathogen exposure control.

This legislation represents a collaborative effort between public health and environmental health representatives, individual practitioners, and body art trade associations to ensure that these statewide standards are not only protective of public health, but fair and reasonably enforceable.

Sincerely,

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