



**SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE AND
ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR BLAKESPEAR
ASSEMBLY MEMBER CONNOLLY
CHAIRS**

August 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 1200

JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING

Department of Toxic Substances Control's Reform Updates and Community Perspectives

AGENDA

I. Opening Remarks

- Senator Catherine Blakespear, Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
- Assemblymember Damon Connolly, Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee

II. Updates from the Newsom Administration on DTSC Reform

- Katherine Butler, MPH, Director of DTSC
- Andrew Rakestraw, J.D., Chair of the Board of Environmental Safety

III. Perspectives on DTSC Permitting and the Hazardous Waste Management Plan

- Dawn Koepke, McHugh Koepke Padron on behalf of the California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance (CCEEB)
- Angela Johnson Meszaros, Senior Attorney, Community Partnerships Program, Earthjustice

IV. Perspectives on Source Reduction and Toxics in Consumer Products

- Avinash Kar, J.D., Senior Director, Toxics, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Nicole Quiñonez, Madden Quiñonez Advocacy on behalf of the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA)
- Ivana Castellanos, MPH, Toxics Coordinator, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles

V. Public Comment