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The proposed ban on quartz countertops is misguided and should NOT be passed.

By using basic, inexpensive, common-sense safety equipment—such as a \$5 mask and eye protection and ventilation—workers' exposure to quartz cutting is entirely safe. Yet instead of addressing irresponsible or unsafe practices directly, this ban would punish everyone because some adult practitioners are choosing to ignore the most basic of safety precautions. Driving cars, alcohol, medications, etc, kill plenty of people each year, but we don't ban all of them simply because they're used unsafely by a group of people, that would be draconian.

What's next? Ban table saws because people can cut themselves? Are we going to ban sheetrock and insulation and concrete as well because of the dust they produce and the respiratory problems that can result when workers fail to use basic protective equipment? Or will we need to remove windows from all buildings because they can break and cut people? Where does this logic end?

Professional adults take responsibility for our own decisions, that's what makes us adults. The State of California should not respond to every preventable workplace hazard caused by irresponsible practitioners mishandling the tools of their trade by banning the incredible underlying product, that's an irresponsible, childlike mentality.

We also simply cannot continue driving up construction and housing by banning every product or tool that can be dangerous when used improperly. **Restrictions or bans should be reserved for situations where people cannot reasonably protect themselves from the danger even by following appropriate safety practices. This proposal does not meet that standard.** Wear a mask. Use proper ventilation and appropriate protective equipment. Follow the wealth of available reasonable safety practices. If an adult chooses not to do those steps and create workplace-safety issues as a result of their irresponsible behavior, then the consequences of their decisions is on them.