



# Statement

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## **NAFRA ON SB 1019: BILL DOES NOT INFORM CONSUMERS ABOUT LACK OF CRITICAL FIRE PROTECTIONS**

WASHINGTON (August 28, 2014) – In response to passage of SB 1019 in the California legislature, the American Chemistry Council’s [North American Flame Retardant Alliance](#) (NAFRA) released the following statement:

“SB 1019 does California consumers a great disservice. The bill fails to inform consumers that furniture sold in the state may no longer be protected from open-flame sources, such as candles, lighters, and matches. The bill also makes inaccurate claims about flame retardants—chemistries that have been proven to help stop or slow the spread of fire and save lives. Fires represent a real danger to families across the state, and furniture should contain strong fire-safety measures that protect against potentially devastating situations.

“Fire protection organizations, including the National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories, have stressed the importance of protecting furniture against open-flame ignition sources. We are disappointed that the legislature passed a bill that does not give consumers the information they need to choose products that contain strong fire-protection measures.”

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