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President Mark Dwight and  
The San Francisco Small Business Commissioners;

My name is Mauricio Garcia and I'm the marketing and sales director for Roche Bobois San Francisco, we have been part of the local San Francisco community for more than 40 years.

I am in support of the proposed San Francisco ordinance that would ban the sale of upholstered furniture and juvenile products with flame retardant chemicals in the City and County of San Francisco. As a furniture retailer, the proposed ordinance does not pose compliance challenges for our business. When the California furniture flammability regulation passed, Roche Bobois elected to remove flame retardant chemicals from all of our furniture products. We welcomed this change as we only had them in the upholstered furniture sold in California and do not want these chemicals in our products.

As required by California law, we label products as compliant with the furniture flammability regulation and check off the box that says that our product does not contain flame retardant chemicals. As this is the same requirement for the proposed San Francisco ordinance, this does not pose a financial burden on our business nor would this increase costs for consumers in any way.

We have heard from consumers that they do not want these flame retardant chemicals in their furniture and we are delighted that we can let consumers know that our furniture, and hopefully that in the future all furniture sold in the City and County of San Francisco, do not contain these unnecessary chemicals. We support this ordinance and urge its passage. Thank you for this opportunity to share our perspective.



Mauricio Garcia