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California Integrated Waste Management Board
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Re: Support for Staff Recommendations September Agenda Item #12

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) we urge you to support the staff recommendation for Agenda Item #12, which would adopt the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Framework as an overall policy objective and direct staff to develop an associated legislative proposal, continue existing voluntary initiatives, and conduct further research to determine priority products for future new product stewardship programs.

Representing all of California's 58 counties, CSAC and RCRC support a product management system that instead of focusing on government and ratepayer financed waste diversion relies, instead, on producer responsibility. Increased producer responsibility would reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design, creating a movement towards more environmentally sustainable products and packaging.

CSAC and RCRC support an Extended Producer Responsibility Framework because it is the first step in a process which will serve to reduce waste from consumer goods and its impact on the environment. We believe that it is important to establish a process on the goals and guiding principles of product stewardship before selecting specific products. Additionally, CSAC and RCRC support legislative proposals developed through a transparent stakeholder process.

CSAC and RCRC appreciate your leadership on this important issue and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karen Keene'.

Karen Keene
Legislative Representative
CSAC

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Mary Pitto
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