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The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom  
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Sent via Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov

**RE: SB 1187 (Kamlager) – Fabric Recycling Pilot – Bill Signature Requested**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, as part of the 15 members making up the Statewide Textile Recovery Advisory Committee hosted by the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), we are pleased to request your signature on SB 1187 (Kamlager), which calls for public-private partnerships for a fabric repair and recycling pilot project(s) in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

CPSC is leading four publicly funded textile recovery pilot projects, two on behalf of the City and County of Los Angeles and two for the San Francisco Dept. of the Environment. These pilot projects mapped existing infrastructure and local champions recovering textiles in alignment with the waste hierarchy, meaning repair and reuse are prioritized over recycling. We learned that over 75,000 tons of commercially generated textile waste are being landfilled annually in the City of LA alone, which has a GHG footprint of over 46,000+ cars.

The public has already funded fiber recycling infrastructure through carpet and mattress stewardship fees, and many of the same recyclers are ready to receive textiles sorted to their specifications. Funding from CalRecycle of \$10 million or more will ignite much needed industrial-scale recovery efforts. Inevitably, a long-term program will need ongoing funding, which we believe should be a shared cost-burden with the textile and clothing industry. Textile and clothing producers over-produce hard-to-manage materials that don't mix well into the other

recovery streams since they tangle, absorb, and ignite regularly in Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) around the state.

For too long, textiles have been collected under the guise of recycling, and ended up being sent as unusable materials to secondhand clothing markets with less infrastructure and environmental protections as compared to California.

The bill received unanimous support from each house, showcasing that the legislature knows textile recovery is a priority with bi-partisan ayes on every vote. The expenditures described in the bill will be an investment into the in-state textile industry and circular economy.

For these reasons, the undersigned are pleased to ask for your signature on SB 1187 (Kamlager).

Please contact Doug Kobold, [doug@calpsc.org](mailto:doug@calpsc.org), 916-706-3420, for questions.

Sincerely,



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