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Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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Submitted via Position Letter Portal

RE: AB 80 (Aguiar-Curry) – Carpet Recycling: Product Stewardship – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we support AB 80: Carpet Recycling: Product Stewardship, which strengthens California's product stewardship program for carpet by ensuring more accountability, enforcement, and investment.

Carpet waste presents a significant challenge in California's landfills, contributing to plastic pollution and material inefficiency. While the state has taken steps to improve carpet recycling, additional measures are needed to hold producers accountable and ensure that recycling efforts are effective and transparent. The existing product stewardship program has struggled to meet its goals due to insufficient oversight, and many carpets continue to be landfilled rather than recovered for reuse or recycling.

By refining enforcement mechanisms, AB 80 ensures that manufacturers take greater responsibility for managing the end-of-life impacts of their products. Strengthening penalties for noncompliance incentivizes participation and investment in recycling programs, ultimately reducing waste and supporting California's circular economy.

California has been a leader in product stewardship and extended producer responsibility (EPR) policies, and AB 80 builds upon this foundation by reinforcing the importance of producer accountability in the carpet industry. This legislation presents an opportunity to enhance waste diversion efforts and set a national precedent for responsible carpet stewardship.

For these reasons, we support **AB 80** and appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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