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The Honorable Senator Blakespear
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7720
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RE: SB 14 (Blakespear) State agencies: solid waste diversion: single-use plastic bottles.

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), **supports SB 14**, authored by Senator Blakespear, which requires state facilities to only purchase single-use plastic bottles that have a high (90%) postconsumer recycled content (PCR).

In 2021, global plastics production was estimated at 390.7 million metric tons, but only nine percent of all plastic ever made has been recycled. Production of new plastic relies on extracting crude oil: plastic is the fastest-growing source of industrial greenhouse gases in the world.

Plastic pollution can harm the environment and impact human health when it degrades into microplastics. Each year, roughly 11 million tons of plastic enter the ocean, which has diverse and serious impacts on marine wildlife. When plastic in the environment breaks down into micro or nano-plastics, those miniscule plastics can get into human bodies. One recent study estimates that humans have nearly a full teaspoon sized amount of plastic in their brains from these small plastic particles.

Currently, nearly 50% of all plastic produced is for single-use purposes: it is used for just minutes and then thrown away. Single-use plastic bottles are an easy first step to reduce reliance on newly produced plastic. With SB 14, state facilities can lead the way towards a more circular economy that reduces, reuses, and recycles products and slows resource consumption SB 14 encourages the use of refillable water stations to reduce waste, and promotes recycling by requiring that new contracts only include plastic bottles that are at least 90% postconsumer recycled content in state facilities.

The bill also requires state agencies to modernize their integrated waste management plans to ensure that those plans consider ways to phase out single-use plastics, reach established recycled content goals, and promote recycling for plastic and organic material that is discarded at state facilities.

SB 14 requires state facilities to lead the way in reducing and recycling material, and leverages the state's purchasing power to meaningfully advance a circular economy in California

For the above reasons we are proud to **SUPPORT** SB 14 (Blakespear).

Sincerely,



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