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Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry
State Capitol
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Submitted via Position Letter Portal

RE: AB 80 (Aguiar-Curry) – Carpet Recycling: Product Stewardship – SUPPORT AS AMENDED 3/12/25

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), as sponsors of AB 80: Carpet Recycling: Product Stewardship, appreciates your trust in us to help update and strengthen California's product stewardship program for carpet by ensuring more accountability, enforcement, and investment.

Carpet waste remains a 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 enhance accountability and ensure recycling efforts are effective and transparent. The existing product stewardship program has been found noncompliant several times, including in 2023, highlighting the need for stronger oversight to increase carpet recovery for reuse and recycling.

By implementing technical program updates to increase the effectiveness and transparency of the program, AB 80 ensures that manufacturers take greater responsibility for managing the end-of-life impacts of their products. These improvements support increased participation and investment in recycling programs, ultimately reducing waste and advancing California's circular economy.

CPSC has played an active role in nearly every program update to date, carefully reviewing all related program documents as part of our work on the advisory committee. This legislation provides an opportunity to address persistent challenges, strengthen oversight, and ensure the carpet stewardship program delivers meaningful environmental and economic benefits.

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

Sincerely,


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California Product Stewardship Council