



January 7, 2026

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted Via LegInfo

RE: SB 501 (Allen): Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022: covered batteries. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Blakespear,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, including the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), Californians Against Waste (CAW), and RethinkWaste, we write to express our **SUPPORT** for **SB 501 (Allen)**, which expands the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 to include medium-format batteries, as well as making necessary technical changes.

The three signatories are the original co-sponsors and played an instrumental role in passing AB 2440 (Irwin), which created the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 and requires producers of covered batteries to establish a stewardship program for the collection and recycling of covered batteries.

We support the proposed language to expand the Responsible Battery Recycling Act of 2022 in a thoughtful manner. The addition of medium format batteries will improve the program to be more exhaustive of larger batteries on the market not currently included in the program that still pose a serious danger to the waste stream. We encourage safeguards and precautions for the collection infrastructure to ensure they are not burdened by size or volume from expanded collection. We also believe holding producers accountable for green design and reuse provisions will be key to driving circularity.

For the reasons stated above, we are proud to support SB 501 (Allen).

Respectfully,

Doug Kobold, Executive Director
California Product Stewardship Council

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Kayla Robinson, Legislative Director
Californians Against Waste

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Joe La Mariana, Executive Director
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