



June 22, 2023

The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 665 (Allen) – SUPPORT
As Amended June 21, 2023**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California State Association of Counties (CSAC) League of California Cities (Cal Cities), South Bayside Waste Management Authority (ReThink Waste), and the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste), we support Senate Bill 665 (Allen), regarding single-use plastic alternatives.

Senate Bill 665 requires CalEPA to establish a working group to develop a framework for evaluating novel material types used as single-use plastic alternatives. The working group framework is intended to inform policy decisions regarding marketing, handling, and treatment under the state's existing laws.

Local governments supported last year's Senate Bill 54, which requires producers of single-use packaging and plastic single-use food service ware to take responsibility for the end-of-life management of those materials. As the entities generally responsible for management and disposal of the state's solid waste stream, local governments support thinking ahead to avoid regrettable product substitutions, as SB 665 seeks to accomplish. There have been too many circumstances where the replacement for a given product turns out to be more difficult or costly to manage and recycle at the end of its useful life. We believe the working group's framework will be helpful to proactively consider and determine how to respond to quickly evolving packaging types and forms.

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We appreciate your inclusion of our suggested amendments to refine the scope of the framework's assessment and the individuals with whom the working group must consult. SB 665 now appropriately requires framework to also consider the ease with which material types can be readily recycled or reused and requires the working group to consult with representatives from local agencies who have the most practical experience with managing and recycling end-of-life products.

For the above reasons, we respectfully request your "Aye" vote when this measure is heard before your committee. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org, awaelder@counties.org, dconklin@calcities.org, or jau@rethinkwaste.org.

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