



June 5, 2024

The Honorable Isaac Bryan
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 1280 (Laird) – SUPPORT
As Amended March 20, 2024**

Dear Assembly Member Bryan:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), we are pleased to support Senate Bill 1280 (Laird) regarding propane cylinders.

Beginning January 1, 2028, SB 1280 requires 1lb propane cylinders sold in the state to be reusable or refillable. Small disposable propane cylinders are commonly sold and used in the state for a variety of purposes, including in many recreation-related activities that are important to rural economies. Unfortunately, small propane cylinders are very expensive for local governments to manage in the waste stream, and it is nearly impossible to know whether a cylinder is completely empty. Large propane cylinders are refillable, but the vast majority of small 1lb cylinders are manufactured as single-use disposable products with little consideration given to end-of-life management or reuse.

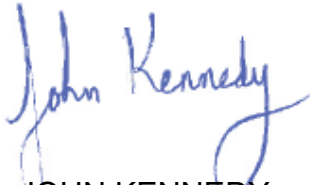
Local governments are responsible for the collection, processing, recycling and disposal of solid waste, including the operation of local household hazardous waste collection programs. These local programs provide important public services and prevent improper disposal of hazardous wastes. Our local programs often offer residents free drop off of HHW; however, the cost to manage some of the waste streams are significant and put serious financial pressure on the programs and local governments that operate them. The cost for local governments to manage discarded single use propane cylinders can often approach or exceed the initial purchase price that consumers pay at the point of sale.

With refillable cylinders becoming more common in the marketplace, SB 1280's phase out of single-use small cylinders will help reduce costs, administrative burdens, and safety risks for local solid waste and household hazardous waste programs.

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For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 1280. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Kennedy (RCRC) at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org; Ada Waelder (CSAC) at awaelder@counties.org; or Melissa Sparks-Kranz (Cal Cities) at msparkskranz@calcities.org.

Sincerely,



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