



April 8, 2019

Assembly Member Bill Quirk, Chair
 Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 171
 Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 1672 (Bloom) Preventing Labeling of Plastic Wipes as Flushable: SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

On behalf of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) and its affiliate, the National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC), and the hundreds of local government and private sector partners that the two organizations represent, and all those who signed below, we urge your **SUPPORT of AB 1672.**

CPSC’s mission is to shift California’s product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer financing to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design. Because CPSC has been so successful we created NSAC in 2015, a national organization to advocate for a Circular Economy with the vision of achieving a Circular Economy in the United States.

We support AB 1672 because it would ensure that plastic wipes that are now labeled by their producers as “flushable” are no longer labeled as flushable by January 1, 2020.

AB 1672 would help reduce the cost to local governments for cleaning up sewer lines from clogs caused by these wipes. This is a common-sense bill to address a problem that never should have been allowed – a producer of a product intentionally labelling something flushable, when it was

not while adding millions to local government costs to clean-up sewer blockages. The least the producers can do now is to label the wipes properly, even though the costs and damage these wipes have caused have been externalized onto local government and the environment.

For these reasons we support AB 1672 and respectfully urge your AYE vote.

Sincerely,



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Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, National Stewardship Action Council



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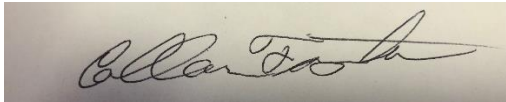
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Joe LaMariana, Executive Director, Rethink Waste



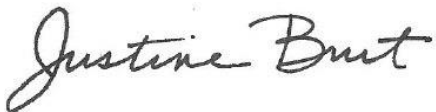
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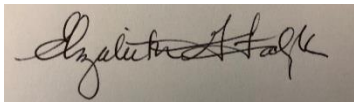
Colleen Foster, President, California Resource Recovery Association



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