



April 4, 2019

Senator Richard Pan,
 Chair of the Senate Committee on Health
 State Capitol, Room 4203
 Sacramento, California 95814

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RE: SB 424 (Jackson) – Tobacco Products: single-use and multi-use

Dear Senator Pan:

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, we want to urge your support of SB 424 addressing tobacco product waste, a known human and environmental health hazard¹⁻³.

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. CPSC was so successful they created NSAC, a national organization in 2015, to Advocate for a Circular Economy with the vision of achieving a Circular Economy in the United States.

Tobacco waste is extremely costly to local government⁴ and those costs will dramatically increase as State water capture requirements are phased-in. We strongly support SB 424 to reduce tobacco waste at the source and prevent pollution. Pollution prevention is far less

expensive than end-of-life capture devices and clean-up, which never capture the chemicals and all the pollution from tobacco waste.

We, the undersigned, strongly support SB 424 and ask for your aye vote.

Respectfully,



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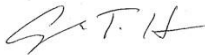
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