



**RESOURCE RECOVERY**  
COALITION OF CALIFORNIA



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The Honorable Jim Wood  
Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health  
1020 N Street, Room 390,  
Sacramento, California 95814

Sent via email to [AHEA.Committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:AHEA.Committee@assembly.ca.gov).

**Subject: AB 1690 Smoking Waste Pollution Prevention Act - Support**

Dear Chair Jim Wood:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our support for Assembly Bill 1690 (Rivas). Tobacco Product Waste (TPW) is the No. 1 most littered product worldwide and an increasing cost burden for local governments to address. Improperly disposed cigarette filters and disposable vaping devices are known to leach toxic chemicals into the environment and also causing fires from the embedded batteries.

Moving away from all-in-one disposable vaping devices and single-use filters on cigarettes will drive the smoking industry to transition their products to be more environmentally sustainable. AB 1690 will ban the sale of single-use cigarette filters and other single-use smoking products to address the ubiquitous impacts that these single-use products have on our health and environment.

We are committed to keeping the industry engaged with finding solutions to this serious and complex problem. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Doug@calpsc.org](mailto:Doug@calpsc.org) or Dr. Joanne Brasch at [Joanne@calpsc.org](mailto:Joanne@calpsc.org).

Sincerely,

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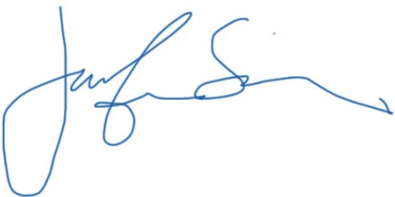
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