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REI CO-OP

FREE EVENT

CELEBRATING SUSTAINABILITY WINS WITH CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR JOHN LAIRD + THE RECREATION COMMUNITY

**JANUARY 25, 2025
10 AM - 11 AM**

**REI MARINA STORE
145 GENERAL STILWELL DR.
MARINA CA 93933**

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CALIFORNIA SENATOR JOHN LAIRD TO BE HONORED AT SPECIAL EVENT IN MARINA, CA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

(Marina, CA) – Senator John Laird, a steadfast advocate for environmental sustainability, will be **celebrated for his instrumental role** in advancing eco-friendly legislation during a special event in Marina, CA. The recognition highlights his work on Senate Bill 1280 (SB 1280), a groundbreaking law that makes California the first state in the nation to ban the sale of single-use, non-refillable 1 lb. propane gas cylinders.

Effective January 1, 2028, SB 1280 ensures that only **refillable propane cylinders** will be available for sale in California. This historic shift aims to reduce the significant environmental impact caused by disposable propane cylinders, which often end up in landfills or as litter in natural areas.

To honor this achievement, Little Kamper and the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) are hosting a free celebration on **Saturday, January 25** from **10:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at the **REI Marina** store (145 General Stilwell Drive, Marina, CA 93933). Little Kamper is proud to offer refillable propane cylinders that are now available at select REI stores across California, including the Marina REI store. Senator Laird, who represents Senate District 17 (encompassing Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, and portions of Monterey and Santa Clara Counties) will deliver remarks reflecting on the importance of SB 1280 and its role in fostering sustainable practices.

Attendees will also have the chance to pick up some special **event perks** from Little Kamper and the REI Co-op. Perks will only be available during the event, and attendees must be present for a chance to claim.

This event is **free** and open to the public, offering a unique chance to engage with community leaders, celebrate legislative progress, and learn more about sustainable practices. **Please join us** in recognizing Senator Laird for his visionary leadership in environmental stewardship and celebrate a significant milestone in California's journey toward sustainability!

Californians use more than an estimated four million single-use cylinders each year. When purchasing a single-use 1 lb. propane cylinder, approximately 80% of the cost is for the package. Reusable cylinders can be refilled more than a hundred times and can last for more than 10 years. After the initial purchase of the cylinder, customers simply pay for the gas refill when empty or take the empty cylinder back to the nearest exchange location to swap out the empty reusable cylinder for a filled reusable cylinder.

Propane cylinders are designated by the State of California as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and are illegal to be thrown away in the trash. Propane cylinders must be taken to a designated drop-off facility or collection receptacle for recycling. Single-use cylinders that are disposed of improperly can cause harm to the environment. Reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders can be either exchanged easily at participating retailers or refilled repeatedly and properly recycled after many years of use. A rapidly expanding network of refill and exchange locations is now available.

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The **California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)** developed and administers the ReFuel Your Fun & Save! campaign, which encourages the use of reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders over the costly and wasteful single-use cylinders. In addition to promoting reusables, the campaign also educates about proper collection and recycling of empty propane cylinders. For more information about the campaign, recycling empty cylinders, and to find more retailers offering reusables, please visit www.refuelyourfun.org.

CPSC educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers, and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices. For more information, please visit: www.CalPSC.org.

Little Kamper is on a mission to provide a better, safer way to enjoy the outdoors and reduce the absurd waste entering landfills by offering their 1 lb. propane tank exchange program. For more information on Little Kamper and the exchange program, please visit: <https://littlekamper.com>.

With over half a century of industry experience and an unstoppable trailblazing spirit, Little Kamper follows in the footsteps of longstanding environmental protection and stewardship groups. There are 40 million reasons why to do the right thing. It all starts with making the right choice.