



June 20, 2022

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

RE: SB 1013 (Atkins) Beverage container recycling: wine and distilled spirits – Support

Dear Assemblymember Rivas,

We, the undersigned organizations, are proud to support SB 1013, authored by President Pro Tem Toni Atkins. SB 1013 will measurably increase glass and PET container recycling, improve the financial viability of recycling centers, and reduce consumer confusion by extending the scope of California’s Bottle Bill to include all wine and distilled spirit containers. SB 1013 is projected to increase total glass and PET recycling by 200,000 tons or more annually.

The refund value on these containers is expected to shift approximately 50,000 tons of glass currently collected at curbside to the buyback recycling collection system, thereby reducing public costs, and increasing statewide average scrap values.

It’s no secret that many communities in California are lacking in meaningful opportunities for the redemption and recycling of beverage containers. While additional policy and financial incentives are urgently needed to address these underserved areas, this proposal will help by increasing monthly volume and revenue at buyback recycling centers. Data from the California Bottle Bill and other states suggests that the extension of the 5 to 10 cent CRV

value, will increase wine and distilled spirit container recycling from the current 30 % to 65%, 70% or even 80% recycling.

We know that using increased levels of recycled content in glass and plastic container manufacturing will save energy and reduce pollution, including reducing carbon emissions.

SB 1013 will expand recycling, strengthen end-use markets, and help ensure that the unique cost of recycling each container type is borne by the producers—Producer Responsibility—and not by taxpayers, ratepayers, or local governments.

For the reasons above, we strongly support SB 1013.

Sincerely,



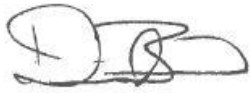
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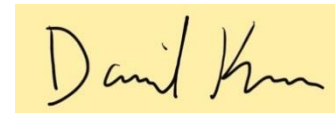
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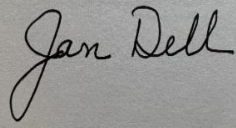
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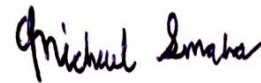
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