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California Product Stewardship Council's Coalition of Supporters for SB 707 (Newman)

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SB 707 (Newman)
Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024
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On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we support SB 707: Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024, to establish a comprehensive textile EPR program.

Textiles are the fifth most common material and the fastest growing category in residential and commercial waste streams in California. Textile and clothing producers over-produce hard-to-manage materials that can absorb, tangle, and combust if mixed into plastic recycling system. The cost burden for managing unusable textiles has fallen on thrifts, collectors, and secondhand markets, while producers keep making products with no plan for what to do with them when they are no longer wearable. For too long, textiles collected under the guise of recycling ended up in markets with less infrastructure and environmental protections. Industry efforts to increase textile reuse, repair, and recycling options have proven siloed and lacking transparency.

California has a long history of learned experiences with EPR and an opportunity to make a global impact by establishing a first-of-its kind EPR program for textiles that builds on the precedent set in the state by other EPR programs. There is currently only one textile EPR program that exists in the entire world. It's up to California, a top global waste generator, to take impactful actions to address textile waste and set the stage as a center for sustainable fashion.

State Cost Covered Entirely by Fees

We understand that the fiscal impact of proposed legislation is especially important as the legislature continues to grapple with unfortunately budget deficits. For that reason, we'd like to highlight that all the state's start-up costs for implementation of SB 707, as well as any ongoing costs of oversight, are explicitly covered by user fees charged to the regulated community. Additionally, EPR is an extremely efficient regulatory model because the program is designed, funded, and administered by the regulated community and regulators perform oversight. This model has been shown time and again to be an efficient method of achieving important environmental outcomes for the state.

SB 707 has over 110 endorsements from all the sectors of the textile circular value chain. The large coalition in support reflects the extensive and collaborative effort that was put into this measure.

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