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California Resource Recovery Association

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RE: AB 925 (Saldana) Bottle Caps – Support

Following letter sent to Senators Calderon, Cedillo, Correa, Ducheny, Florez, Harman, Maldonado, McLeod, Padilla Price, Simitian, Wright, Yee

CRRA is California's statewide waste reduction and recycling association. Our members work for over 100 cities, counties and municipal districts, as well as hauling companies, recycling processors, non-profit organizations, and allied professionals.

CRRA supports AB 925 by Assembly Member Lori Saldana, which will require that bottle caps be affixed to plastic containers. Last year Californians recycled a record number of plastic beverage containers (more than 60%), and while most bottle caps are recyclable and can be recycled in the existing system, few actually are.

In the course of consuming beverages, bottle caps become separated from the container. With more than half of all single use beverages in plastic containers being consumed outside of the home, many of these bottle caps litter our communities and waterways. They are mistaken for food by seabirds and other marine life, and contribute to the growing environmental problems associated with plastic marine debris. Bottle caps are among the top ten most littered items according to beach clean-up studies.

AB 925 would require that the bottle caps remain connected to the bottle thereby significantly reducing the waste, litter and threat to wildlife currently posed by discarded bottle caps.

CRRA urges you to support AB 925.

Sincerely,

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