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Sacramento Regional  
Solid Waste Authority

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Governor's Office  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

**PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE**  
CalRecycle

**SB 778 (Allen) – Motor Oil Change – Truth in Advertising – Request for Signature**

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Dear Governor Brown,

StopWaste

On behalf of the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) I write to request your signature on this measure, which, if enacted, would provide consumer and environmental protection by decreasing unnecessary motor oil changes in California.

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SB 778 would require shops to follow the vehicle manufacturer's recommended oil drain interval when recommending a customer return for their next oil change. This will put an end to the outdated and wasteful myth that oil changes are required every 3,000 miles.

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This policy is consistent with CalRecycle's recommendation to the Legislature titled "Used Oil Life Cycle Assessment Report". One of the policy recommendations in the report states, "Service stations that change customer oil would be required to indicate the next recommended oil change service based on the manufacturer's recommended drain interval for their particular vehicle (windshield reminder stickers) rather than the typical 3,000 miles." The Assembly Appropriations analyst states that according to CalRecycle, "Changing motor oil according to the manufacturer specifications would reduce motor-oil demand in California by about 10 million gallons a year."

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While California has a motor oil collection and recycling program, only about half of used oil is recycled, making source reduction the best environmental and economic sense. Used motor oil is insoluble and contains heavy metals and toxic chemicals. If improperly disposed can enter our oceans and fresh waters via the storm water systems, endangering humans, fish and wildlife. In addition, one gallon of used motor oil can foul the taste of 1 million gallons of water. This hazardous waste is also often burned as fuel, creating dangerous air pollution. Reducing oil waste will reduce the amount of oil polluting our waterways and degrading air quality.

It is particularly important that the bill apply equally to currently unlicensed facilities that perform oil changes, and require them to properly register with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, become licensed, and comply with all applicable laws. Given the stakes involved, ensuring compliance with environmental and consumer protections is important enough to warrant uniform enforcement of the law. SB 778 will create a new registration type that would avoid overburdening those who do not perform major repairs, while providing BAR with authority to enforce the AMP.



In addition to saving consumers money by reducing oil changes, SB 778 will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing our consumption of petroleum.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,

*John H Dane*

John H. Dane  
Executive Director, CRRA

CC: Graciela Castillo-Krings, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
Senator Ben Allen

*CRRA is California's state-wide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. A 501(c)(3) organization, CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state-wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. Our members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. They work for cities and counties, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and in allied professions.*