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The Honorable Senator Ben Allen
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Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: Senator.Allen@Senate.CA.Gov; Tina.Andolina@asm.ca.gov

RE: SB-54 (Allen et al.) - Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB – 54 which would prohibit producers of single-use disposable packaging or products to sell, distribute, or import these products into our state beginning in 2023. SBWPC supports the immediate need for strong, comprehensive measures to eliminate reliance on fossil fuels and to provide stewardship for our environment. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include The Environment, in which we clearly state the following: "The right to a clean and safe environment is the right of all, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new/>)

We support the bill's goals to substantially reduce local, statewide, and global impacts resulting from the generation and improper handling of disposable packaging and food service ware waste, and to significantly reduce the amount of this waste entering California's waste stream, polluting oceans, littering local communities and beaches, and costing local government millions of dollars in cleanup costs. We agree with you that California has a responsibility to lead on solutions to the growing plastic pollution crisis.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB-54 as an important step forward in efforts to protect our environment and our public health. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill and to urge its passage.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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