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**RE: AB 2256 – Support**

Dear Mr. Huffman:

On behalf of *<name of organization>*, I am writing to support AB 2256, which will clarify when a consumer product may be labeled as ‘flushable’ in order to prevent products from being flushed that cause sewage clogs and costly sanitation agency repairs.

Over recent years an increasingly diverse range of disposable products has become available for consumer use. The growth of the markets for such products is evidence of their popularity with the public, but their increased use brings with it discussion about their disposal, especially the topic of flushability.

However, there currently is no state or federal law, consistent or widely accepted definition of what constitutes a ‘flushable’ consumer product. As a result, manufacturers have used their own definitions and methods to determine the flushability of their products. For consumers and sewage utilities, this means there has been no single reference from which to assess the flushability of products.

This lack of consistency can lead to confusion in the market place and a lack of clarity about when it is appropriate for products to be disposed of via the wastewater system. Where such confusion exists, there is a higher risk that poorly flushable products are flushed down the toilet, which has led to costly problems for homeowners and wastewater treatment operators and increased risk of sewage overflows in some circumstances.

To prevent non-dispersable or poorly dispersable products from entering sewer systems and potentially causing overflows, AB 2256 will clarify what can be marketed as flushable in order to assist manufacturers when labeling consumer products, and enable consumers to identify which products are safe to dispose via the plumbing system.

Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

*Name/Organization*