



June 6, 2022

The Honorable Luz Rivas, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1256 (Wieckowski) – Ban on Propane Cylinders -- OPPOSE

Dear Chair Rivas:

On behalf of the California Retailers Association (CRA), we must respectfully oppose SB 1256, which would ban the sale of 1 lb. disposable propane cylinders by January 1, 2028.

The California Retailers Association is the only statewide trade association representing all segments of the retail industry including general merchandise, department stores, mass merchandisers, on-line marketplaces, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug, and specialty retail such as auto, vision, jewelry, hardware and home stores. CRA works on behalf of California's retail industry the largest retail market in the United States.

As a retailer of these products, we know that consumers enjoy and want the convenience and price of these products. We further know that the refillable product will not meet the consumer demand and future needs for those who use small propane cylinders.

SB 1256 proposes to ban these cylinders based in part on safety concerns related to improper disposal. At this time, our retailers are moving away from refillable technology due in large part to safety concerns. We believe this bill fails to account for the negative safety implications of a product ban. Neither does it account for the lack of replacement options other than refillable cylinders. As this legislation would not be effective until 2028, we urge the Assembly Natural Resources Committee to hold this bill in committee and direct stakeholders to collaborate on a balanced approach to managing all pressurized gas cylinders for sale in the California.

For these reasons, CRA opposes SB 1256. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve McCarthy at steve@calretailers.com or (916) 443-1975.

Sincerely,

Steve McCarthy
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cc: Senator Wieckowski
Members, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Kirstin Kolpitcke, Assembly Republican Office of Policy and Budget