



July 27, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tem
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
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Re: AB 2026 (Friedman); AB 2784 (Ting) – OPPOSE

Dear President Pro Tem Atkins and Chair Portantino:

The undersigned organizations, representing manufacturers, packaging producers, material suppliers, retail, grocery, agriculture, food producers, consumer product companies, and others urge you to set aside the remaining plastic packaging related bills referenced above now that SB 54 (Allen) has been enacted.

As you know, SB 54 creates one of the most comprehensive packaging and plastics related recycling and waste reduction laws. This new law will infuse millions in new funding from producers to improve the state’s recycling infrastructure; set recycling rate requirements for plastic packaging; require the producer responsibility organization (PRO) to meet a 25% “source reduction” requirement; and require producers to support an “environmental mitigation fund” at \$500 million for ten years. SB 54 will support the creation of more robust end use markets for recovered material, allowing for the use of an ever-increasing amount of recycled material in new packaging.

Implementation of SB 54 will require a significant amount of time and resources from the business community, not to mention the considerable increase in the workload for CalRecycle. Imposing a separate new regulatory requirement for a specific packaging type and application will unnecessarily add to the compliance burden for the regulated community and further increase the implementation costs for CalRecycle. Bear in mind the same packaging materials covered in AB 2026 and AB 2784 are

subject to the requirements in SB 54. Simply put, both AB 2026 and AB 2784 are unnecessary given the passage of SB 54.

For these reasons, we urge you to hold AB 2026 and AB 2784 and allow for the comprehensive packaging policy in SB 54 to be implemented.

Sincerely,

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Nate Herman:	American Apparel & Footwear Association
Tim Shestek:	American Chemistry Council
Lauren Aguilar:	American Institute for Packaging and the Environment (AMERIPEN)
Jacob Cassidy:	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Todd Sanders:	California Apple Commission, California Blueberry Association, California Blueberry Commission
Natalie Boust:	California Business Roundtable
Roger Isom:	California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association, Western Agricultural Processors Association
Trudi Hughes:	California Food Producers
Ian LeMay:	California Fresh Fruit Association
Robert Spiegel:	California Manufacturers and Technology Association
Steve McCarthy:	California Retailers Association
Rick Tomlinson:	California Strawberry Commission
Lisa Johnson:	Chemical Industry Council of California
Carol Patterson:	Foodservice Packaging Institute
Christopher Finarelli:	Household & Commercial Products Association
Kevin Pedrotti:	National Federation of Independent Business
Brian McKeon:	National Confectioners Association
Kris Quigley:	Plastics Industry Association
Jerry Desmond:	Plumbing Manufacturers Institute
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Terry Grill:	Sealed Air
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Erin Raden:	The Toy Association
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