



February 24, 2025

Senator Steve Padilla  
1021 O Street, Room 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 45 -- Oppose**

Dear Senator Padilla,

We write today to respectfully urge your opposition to Senate Bill 45, a bill that would mandate tethered caps on plastic beverage containers smaller than three liters by 2027. At a time when Californians are grappling with one of the highest costs of living in the nation, this legislation would unnecessarily increase costs for consumers and businesses, placing an additional burden on families and industries across the state.

Transitioning to this new standard would require substantial retooling of production lines, leading to increased manufacturing costs. These costs will inevitably be passed on to consumers, further straining household budgets in an already challenging economic environment.

This bill could have a detrimental impact on California's economy –thousands of companies that manufacture and distribute beverage products within the state would be affected. The ripple effects of these changes would extend beyond the beverage industry, impacting small businesses, retailers, and local economies.

Plastic beverage bottles are highly recyclable and highly recycled. The established role of PET bottles in California's recycling system is precisely why they were exempt from California's

landmark circular economy bill, SB 54 (Allen). SB 45 introduces new requirements that would disrupt the existing framework and recycling systems without demonstrating clear environmental gains.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose SB 45. Let us work together to develop solutions that balance environmental responsibility with economic practicality, safeguarding our planet and California residents' livelihoods.

Sincerely,

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