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Assembly Member Buffy Wicks, Chair **Assembly Appropriations Committee** 1021 O Street, Suite 8220 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 823 (Boerner) Solid Waste: Plastic Microbeads: Plastic Glitter

Dear Chair Wicks and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

The undersigned organizations write to you in support of AB 823, a bill that will support California's fight against microplastic pollution by prohibiting the sale of leave-on cosmetics and cleaning products containing intentionally added microplastics used as abrasives or glitter.

Our organizations share an increasing concern about this pervasive pollutant that is found in oceans, rivers, soil, the air we breathe, and in our bodies. AB 823 prohibits the sale and distribution of leave-on cosmetics and cleaning products containing intentionally added microplastics, preventing millions of tons of plastic from entering the environment. By eliminating the unnecessary addition of microplastics to products, this bill will protect California's waterways, protect vulnerable communities, and promote safer alternatives, while building upon previous legislation leave-on cosmetics and cleaning products containing intentionally added microplastics used as abrasives or glitter.

We must take urgent action to prevent further harm from microplastics. AB 823 ensures California remains at the forefront of tackling plastic pollution while safeguarding human health and the environment for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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