



September 10, 2026

Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor
State of California
1021 O Street, 9th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1180 (Allen) - California Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund
Position: VETO REQUEST

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we respectfully request your veto of SB 1180. As California moves into a critical phase of implementing the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54), it is important that the Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund (PPMF) remain aligned with the purpose for which it was established. We urge you not to add complexity to SB 54 and the administration of the Plastic Pollution Mitigation Fund (PPMF), a significant funding source designed to mitigate environmental and public health impacts associated with plastic pollution. That framework is anchored in mitigating impacts, not reshaping markets or production behavior which are already addressed through SB 54's producer responsibility requirements.

Our coalition includes stakeholders who participated in the negotiations that led to SB 54, as well as organizations committed to its effective implementation. Together, we are concerned that SB 1180 would stretch the scope of the PPMF beyond the framework established in SB 54. The producer community is responsible for funding the \$500 million PPMF annually, we have a vested interest in ensuring the funds go toward projects with true benefits to Californians, not administrative overhead.

SB 54 requires significant upstream changes through producer obligations, including source reduction requirements, recyclability standards, and other design and system changes intended to reduce plastic waste. Those provisions are designed to address production and use of packaging materials directly. The mitigation fund, by contrast, was broadly structured to address environmental and public health impacts associated with plastic pollution, recognizing the need to continue driving down impacts while advancing more sustainable material choices and systems.

SB 1180 moves away from that structure in several keyways. First, the bill requires expenditures to help create or accelerate a “a durable and significant reduction in plastic production, use, and disposal...” This language moves beyond mitigating impacts and toward influencing manufacturing and consumption decisions that SB 54 already addresses through its producer responsibility requirements.

SB 1180 would allow mitigation dollars to be used for pollution sources outside SB 54’s product management framework, including tires, textiles, and other noncovered streams. Producers who are in scope of SB 54 for their product packaging and food service ware should not be financially responsible for mitigating the impacts of other products outside of SB 54’s scope.

Our coalition requested amendments to maintain a clear nexus between mitigation funding and SB 54-covered materials, clarify that funds remain focused on measurable environmental and public health outcomes directly tied to plastic pollution impacts, ensure grantees demonstrate a nexus to SB 54, and remove provisions that veer away from the original mitigation framework. Unfortunately, we were unable to reach a compromise with the author.

There is more at stake than the scope of a grant program. SB 1180 would establish a precedent for using producer-funded mitigation dollars to address broader production, consumption, and waste-management objectives that are not part of SB 54. With producers already subject to substantial obligations and costs under SB 54, the PPMF should remain focused on mitigating the environmental and public health impacts it was created to address.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these concerns further, please do not hesitate to contact cfinarelli@thehcpa.org or nicole@mqadvocacy.com.

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