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Assemblymember Wood
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: Support SB 424 (Jackson) – Tobacco Products: single-use and multi-use as amended

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

On behalf of the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) and its affiliate, the National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC), the hundreds of local government and private sector partners that the two organizations represent, and the undersigned organizations, we thank you for authoring SB 424 addressing tobacco product waste, a known human and environmental health hazard1-3.

CPSC’s mission is to shift California’s product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer financing to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design. CPSC was so successful they created NSAC, a national organization in 2015, to Advocate to achieve a Circular Economy in the United States.

Tobacco waste is extremely costly to local government 4 and those costs will dramatically increase as State water capture requirements are phased-in. We strongly support SB 424 to reduce tobacco waste at the source and prevent pollution. Pollution prevention is far less
expensive than end-of-life capture devices and clean-up, which never capture the all the chemicals and pollution from tobacco waste.

We, the undersigned, strongly **SUPPORT SB 424**.

Respectfully,

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