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May 13, 2014

Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Rm. 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916-319-2102

RE: SB 270 – Concerns Regarding RMDZ Funding

Dear Assemblymember Chesbro:

CRRA applauds Senators Padilla, de León, and Lara for authoring a bill that would phase out the use of single-use plastic grocery bags, and impose a price on single-use paper grocery bags.

However CRRA objects to the provision that would appropriate \$2,000,000 in Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) funds to three plastic bag manufacturers.

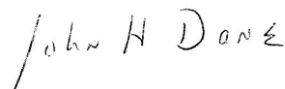
Designating such a large portion of already modest RMDZ funds, which are intended to support the use of all types of recycled materials, to three manufactures that already have access to competitive RMDZ funding, strikes us as bad public policy.

CRRA would enthusiastically support SB 270 if the provision for appropriating RMDZ funds was removed from the bill.

Sincerely,



Tracie Onstad Bills, President



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