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August 17, 2016

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Governor's Office  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

**Subject: SB 1229 (Jackson-Stone) – Secure Drug Take-Back Bins – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown,

California communities are struggling with how they can to best manage the public health and environmental consequences of home-generated pharmaceutical waste (prescription or over-the-counter human or veterinary drugs that are left over after treatment, or have expired). The stockpiling of drugs in homes is linked to drug addiction, accidental poisonings, and concern about the environmental impacts of current disposal methods such as flushing and landfilling.

Various local governments have adopted or may soon adopt ordinances designed to provide safe and convenient opportunities for consumers to dispose of their unused medications. This solution often involves take-back kiosks located inside of pharmacies. Pharmacies have expressed reasonable concerns about the potential liability associated with providing this service – whether done voluntarily or as the result of a local or state requirement.

The California Resource Recovery Association **SUPPORTS SB 1229**, because the bill will provide civil and criminal liability protection for the pharmacies and pharmacists who provide safe and convenient disposal bins to the public. We respectfully request that you **SIGN SB 1229** when this bill comes before your desk.

Most Sincerely,

John H. Dane  
Executive Director

cc. Graciela Castillo-Krings, Office of Governor Jerry Brown  
Scott Smithline, CalRecycle

*CRRA is California's state-wide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. A 501(c)(3) organization, CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state-wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. Our members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. They work for cities and counties, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and in allied professions.*