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Assembly Member Mark Stone
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Subject: SB 1229 (Jackson-Stone) – Secure Drug Take-Back Bins - SUPPORT

Dear Committee Chair Stone:

The California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) offers its SUPPORT of your legislation, SB 1229. The Legislature has been working for years to reduce drug addiction, poisonings, medication mistakes, and water contamination. All these issues are addressed by making it more convenient for the public to safely dispose of unwanted medications. Pharmacists who host medication disposal receptacles and provide an established duty of care for proper oversight of the take-back bins should be able to receive limited civil and criminal liability protection if they follow certain rules for these three important reasons:

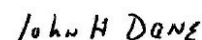
1) The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency now has clear rules on hosting medicine bins, this bill will provide limited liability protection for pharmacists and pharmacy chain stores who provide the important community service of providing safe and convenient disposal bins ;

2) Providing safe medication disposal was listed as one of four key pillars of the National Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Strategy policy recommendations from 2014; and,

3) California's water is a precious resource and pollution prevention is much more cost effective than water treatment - preventing the flushing of medications is a key pollution protection measure.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your legislation, please feel free to contact me at john@crra.com or at 916-701-1310.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, CRRA

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