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Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson State Capitol, Room 2032 Sacramento, CA 95814 Sent by Fax: 916-651-4919

SUBJECT: SB 1014 (JACKSON) – SUPPORT AS AMENDED ON 4/21/14

Dear Senator Jackson:

CRRA supports SB 1014 as amended on 4/21/14. It would require CalRecycle to adopt regulations reauthorizing local entities to establish a voluntary program to collect and properly dispose of home-generated pharmaceutical waste. The regulations would be based on the Model Guidelines issued by CalRecycle in 2009 that allow local entities to operate voluntary drug take-back programs. The Guidelines expired in 2013, but by reauthorizing and updating them SB 1014 will provide clear direction for local governments, pharmacies and police departments that would like to operate safe and secure pharmaceutical take-back programs.

SB 1014 as amended will re-establish and update CalRecycle's Model Guidelines for the safe collection and disposal of medicines. In addition, the bill would provide clarity to existing the law, by specifically authorizing pharmacies to accept the return of home-generated pharmaceutical waste, should they decide to do so.

Sincerely,

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