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April 21, 2014

Assemblymember Mark Stone
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RE: AB 1893 (Stone/Eggman) – SUPPORT

Assemblymembers Stone and Eggman:

CRRA supports AB 1893, legislation that will reduce costs to taxpayers, reduce needlestick injuries, and help sharps users comply with current law which requires safe containers and bans disposal in trash.

AB 1893 requires that a sharps waste container shall be sold with the purchase of sharps in the state of California. It also requires that sharps consumers receive information about the proper and legal disposal of sharps, including information about disposal locations.

Sharps improperly disposed to the recycling stream add unnecessary costs to local governments and rate payers when recycling sorting operations are shut down to safely retrieve needles, as well as putting recycling collection and processing workers and the public at large at risk of needle stick injuries and blood borne pathogens.

Consumers are often unaware that used sharps are required by law to be stored, transported and disposed of in a certified sharps waste container, and that sharps are not allowed to be thrown away in home trash or recycling bins.

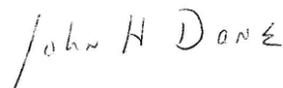
AB 1893 is an important step toward helping Californians who use sharps at home dispose of their used needles safely and legally.

CRRA supports AB 1893.

Sincerely,



Tracie Onstad Bills, President



John H. Dane, CAE, Executive Director

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