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City of Livermore

September 2, 2014

Honorable Jerry Brown  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916-558-3160

**Re: SB 270 (Padilla, de León, and Lara) Single-Use Grocery Bags – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

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, and commends the Legislature for sending this bill to you.

CRRA believes that the environmental and social benefits of reducing and eventually eliminating single-use plastic shopping bags are a settled matter, and that the arguments against SB 270 are short-sighted and narrowly defined.

Over 123 local jurisdictions have enacted ordinances similar to SB 270, resulting in dramatic reductions in single-use plastic bag litter and pollution in those communities. These ordinances have demonstrated that customers opt to bring their own shopping bags and generally decline to purchase single-use paper bags.

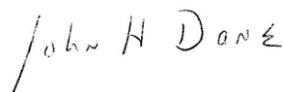
California can and ought to lead the nation by enacting the first state law to ban single-use plastic bags, and place a price on single-use paper bags.

CRRA enthusiastically supports SB 270 and urges you to sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Rob Hilton, President



John H. Dane, CAE, Executive Director

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Cc: Senator Alex Padilla 916-651-4920  
Senator Kevin de León 916-327-8817  
Senator Ricardo Lara 916-651-4933





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