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- SB 54 will reduce the amount of unnecessary single-use packaging and product waste that burdens taxpayers and local governments, plagues human and wildlife health, and pollutes our natural environment by decreasing single-use packaging and products sold in California and ensuring the remaining items are effectively reusable, recyclable and/or compostable.
- Pollution affects every park, street, waterway, coast, and beach in California – whether inland or on the coast. Single-use disposables are consistently among the top ten items found at clean ups throughout the state.
- Plastic production contributes to our climate crisis as plastics are derived from fossil fuels, take resources to manufacture, transport, and dispose of, and emit potent greenhouse gases as they break down. This affects individuals, communities and ecosystems all along the supply chain.
- Oil refineries, manufacturers and waste incinerators tend to be located in or near low-income communities and communities of color, who then bear the brunt of the associated health impacts, such as higher cancer and asthma rates.
- In California, less than 9 percent of plastic is recycled, and that percentage is dropping since the implementation of China's National Sword and policies in other countries, which severely restricted the amount of foreign waste these countries accept.
- Significantly reducing California's reliance on single-use packaging and products is critical in meeting the state's climate and waste diversion commitments. As the 5th largest economy, California has a responsibility to lead on solutions to the growing pollution and waste crisis. This bill establishes a material-neutral, comprehensive framework as part of the solution.

VOTE YES ON SB 54!

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