



California
Resource
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Association

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Assembly Member Mike Davis
State Capitol Room 2160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 87 (Davis), Single Use Bags - SUPPORT

Dear Assembler Member Davis:

CRRA supports AB 87, which would prohibit, on and after July 1, 2010, a store, as defined, from providing single-use (plastic and paper) carryout bags to a customer unless the store charges a \$0.25 per bag fee at the point of sale.

Each year, approximately 19 billion plastic carryout bags are consumed in California. At the same time less than 5 percent of those bags are recycled, with the remainder disposed in landfills or ending up littered on our beaches, waterways, parks and roads. As a result, each year local and state governments spend tens of millions of dollars each year on litter prevention, cleanup, and enforcement activities. Communities throughout California are grappling with this issue and are searching for ways to reduce the impact that littered bags have on their quality of life.

Experience has shown that imposing a fee at the point of sale on plastic and paper bags can significantly reduce the consumption of these bags. AB 87 would help reduce bag litter and other environmental impacts at the source, while providing local governments with additional resources to successfully address this issue.

Please include CRRA on your list of supporters of this worthy bill.

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cc: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

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