Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of your SB 54. This bill will require the adoption of regulations requiring manufacturers and retailers to reduce the waste associated with single use packaging and products by 75 percent by 2030.

Since the 1980s, communities across the state have been working diligently to reduce the negative impacts caused by single-use packaging which are consistently the most common source of street litter. Moreover, taxpayers and local governments spend over $420 million annually in ongoing efforts to clean up and prevent litter in streets, storm drains, parks, and waterways. Not only is cleanup expensive, but it cannot keep pace with the production of single-use disposable items which continues to grow exponentially.

SB 54 will establish a comprehensive framework for addressing the state’s pollution and waste crisis and set a statewide goal requiring manufacturers to reduce the waste generated by single-use packaging and products by 75 percent by 2030. This bill would also require CalRecycle to develop criteria to determine which types of single-use packaging or priority single-use plastic products are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. This bill recognizes that the transition to recyclable alternatives is necessary for California’s efforts to remain a global leader in protecting the environment and public health of our communities.
SB 54 will reduce the amount of pollution and waste in California from single-use packaging. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your SB 54.

Sincerely,

John Mirisch
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
    The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
    Andrew K. Antwi, Shaw / Yoder / Antwi, Inc.