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Lester J. Friedman, Mayor

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The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly, 50th District
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1672 (Bloom) Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipe
City of Beverly Hills – Support

Dear Assemblymember Bloom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of your AB 1672, which would establish standardized labeling practices for single-use wet wipes to provide clear and consistent consumer information about what products are not safe to flush.

Public agencies have spent millions of dollars addressing clogs in their treatment plants, pumps, and pipes caused by wipes. These clogs can result in spills, system failures, increased maintenance requirements, and damage to expensive infrastructure. Many consumers are simply not aware that certain wipes pose a risk to sewer infrastructure and are not meant to be flushed. This confusion stems partially from misleading or inconsistent labeling of what wipes are truly “flushable” or not.

AB 1672 would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes to be labeled clearly with the phrase “Do Not Flush,” and a related symbol to ensure that consumers can easily discern between flushable and non-flushable wipes. The bill would also establish the California Consumer Education and Outreach Program to ensure the public understands they should not flush certain non-woven wipes. The bill would also require manufacturers to participate in a collection study conducted in collaboration with wastewater agencies in order to gain an understanding of consumer behavior on premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.
For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your AB 1672. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

Lester J. Friedman
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Sente Environmental Quality Committee
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    The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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