The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Governor’s Office  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Re: AB 818 (Bloom) Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes  
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature  

Dear Governor Newsom,  

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of AB 818 (Bloom) and respectfully request you SIGN this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill 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 818 (Bloom) 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 AB 818 (Bloom) and requests your SIGNATURE on this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

c: The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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