



June 15, 2021

The Honorable Assemblymember Richard Bloom
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Richard Bloom:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 818 (BLOOM) AS REVISED ON MAY 5, 2021 – SOLID WASTE: PREMOISTENED NONWOVEN DISPOSABLE WIPES

The City of Carson **supports** your Assembly Bill 818 (AB 818), as revised on May 5, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and a related symbol. The bill would also prohibit manufacturers from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.

Additionally, AB 818, until January 1, 2017, would establish the California Consumer Education and Outreach Program, under which manufacturers and retailers would be required to participate in a collection study conducted in collaboration with wastewater agencies for the purpose of gaining understanding of consumer behavior regarding the flushing of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes and to conduct a comprehensive multimedia education and outreach program in the state. Reports must be filed with the Legislature and the State Water Resources Control Board on activities under the program and would require the Board to post the reports on its internet website.

The City of Carson supports the proposed legislation because the bill would help to ensure the proper disposal of the covered personal hygiene/cleaning products to protect public health, the environment, and combat problems to public sewage infrastructure caused by improperly flushing these products.

Based on the foregoing, the City of Carson **Supports** AB 818 as indicated in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Landers, City Manager, at SLlanders@carsonca.gov or at (310) 952-1728.

Sincerely,

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