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The Honorable Ben Allen
Senator, District 24
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6610
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RE: Senate Bill 501 (Allen): Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act –
SUPPORT (As Amended March 24, 2025)

Dear Senator Allen:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is writing to support Senate Bill 501, which establishes an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for manufacturers of certain household hazardous waste (HHW) products. This legislation will ease the financial and operational burdens on local governments while also providing safer disposal options for hazardous materials.

Local governments currently manage HHW collection programs to prevent improper disposal, but these programs are increasingly costly and can significantly strain resources. Sometimes, the cost to manage certain HHW can exceed the original purchase price, creating an unsustainable system.

SB 501 shifts financial responsibility to manufacturers of HHW products, such as pesticides, aerosols, and batteries. By requiring producers to fund an accessible and efficient disposal system, the bill reduces the burden on local governments and promotes the creation of safer, more sustainable products.

SB 501 aims to alleviate growing costs for local governments, improve service accessibility for residents, enhance environmental protection, and encourage improved product design. Together, these aspects create a compelling argument for supporting this legislation.

We urge the passage of SB 501 to create a more equitable and sustainable system for managing household hazardous waste in California. Thank you for addressing this critical issue.

Sincerely,

John Haschak, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate, 2nd District
The Honorable Chris Rogers, California State Assembly, 2nd District

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