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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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**Re: SB 1021 (Padilla) – Beverage Containers: Grants
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests that you sign SB 1021 by Senator Alex Padilla, which would authorize the Department of Conservation to expend up to \$15 million in grants to provide beverage recycling receptacles in multifamily housing.

The majority of multifamily housing in California does not have adequate recycling programs. California's waste diversion requirements make it imperative that opportunities for recycling, such as in multifamily housing, are not to be missed. To date, multifamily recycling efforts consist of programs developed and administered by local jurisdictions with some programs requiring mandatory participation and others remaining voluntary. Multifamily dwellings typically generate more waste than single-family homes. However, the amount of recycling from multifamily dwellings is less than the rate of diversion from single-family homes. This is in part due to the availability of recycling services to multifamily dwellings.

CSAC supports SB 1021 because it provides funding for grants to expand California's bottle collection program to include increased service to multifamily housing. SB 1021 will help local governments mitigate the costs of increasing recycling for multifamily housing, while providing recycling opportunities for all residents regardless of their type of home.

For these reasons, CSAC supports SB 1021. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul McIntosh".

Paul McIntosh
Executive Director

cc: Senator Alex Padilla