



March 24, 2022

The Honorable Bill Quirk
1021 N Street, Suite 5120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2787 Microplastics in products – SUPPORT, as introduced

Dear Dr. Quirk:

WateReuse California is writing to express our support your AB 2787, which help prohibit the addition if microplastics into certain products.

Microplastics have emerged as a prevalent form of pollution in our waterways and marine environment. The tiny particles have been found in ocean debris piles and rivers and lakes throughout California. Most microplastics are not biodegradable and absorb various toxins such as DDT, PCBs (flame retardants), and other industrial chemicals and are ingested or absorbed by a variety of marine life and other mammals. Because fish ingest these particles and absorb the toxins in their flesh, many in the scientific community also worry about the impacts on the fish, crabs, and shellfish that humans eat.

WateReuse was proud to support AB 888 (2015, Bloom), which banned the addition of microbeads in personal care products. AB 2787 expands on that successful legislation to include microplastics- a necessary next step to protecting California's marine life. Anything the state can do to keep microplastics from entering the wastewater system is critical.

For all of these reasons, WateReuse supports AB 2787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer West
Managing Director