



February 18, 2020

The Honorable Ben Allen
CA State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 54 (Allen) – Ban Single Use Plastics – Support

Dear Senator Allen,

I am writing on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) and its over one million affiliated members to support SB 54. CARA has built an alliance of grassroots and retiree organizations to address quality of life issues for seniors and their families in our state. We recognize the importance of improving our environment for us and for future generations.

SB 54 requires retailers and manufacturers in California to reduce single-use plastic packaging and products by 75% by 2030. After 2030, all single-use plastics sold in California would need to be compostable or recyclable.

Banning single-use plastics is a critical step to a zero-emissions, zero-waste economy. Since plastic doesn't degrade quickly, and we are "drowning" in a sea of it. It impacts our health and the health of other species, particularly ocean life. Plastic is dirty and hazardous to produce and uses oil and fracked gas. When plastic goes into a landfill, it releases methane.

For these reasons, CARA strongly supports SB 54. We ask for your AYE vote when it comes before your committee.

Sincerely,

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

Hene Kelly
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