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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

September 6, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 212 (Jackson) - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your signature on SB 212 (Jackson), which would establish producer-funded take-back programs to provide safe and convenient disposal options for unused pharmaceuticals and home-generated medical sharps waste.

SB 212 (Jackson) will help to keep unused drugs out of people's homes, decreasing the likelihood of abuse or accidental poisonings and would create a workable solution to protect against needle stick injuries for parks, hotel, solid waste, wastewater, sanitation and other workers as well as the general public.

Prescription and over the counter drugs that are left over from treatment or have expired are an increasing problem. Medications are ending up in water systems, impacting the environment and the County's water supply. SB 212 would take a groundbreaking step to ensure that California residents throughout the state have access to safe, convenient disposal methods of sharps and drugs, addressing important public health concerns.

The County Board of Supervisors adopted a 2018 Legislative Platform that directly supports and encourages actions to reduce pollution and protect the environment. For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your signature on SB 212 (Jackson).

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg
Governmental Advocates, Inc.

cc: The Honorable Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Author
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