



Rural Counties
Environmental Services
Joint Powers Authority

ESJPA

August 19, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
President pro Tempore, California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 1013 (Atkins) – SUPPORT
As Amended May 19, 2022**

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA), I am pleased to support your SB 1013, which adds wine and distilled spirits to the state's Beverage Container Recycling Program.

ESJPA is a local government agency formed in 1993 to assist its rural county members to comply with solid waste regulatory requirements and waste diversion goals. ESJPA is currently comprised of and provides advocacy and technical assistance to its 26 rural member counties. Our member counties are responsible for the collection, processing, recycling and disposal of solid waste, including the operation of local household hazardous waste collection programs.

With the closure of many certified recycling centers, "convenient" beverage container redemption opportunities do not exist for many Californians. Without convenient redemption opportunities, the Beverage Container Recycling Program disproportionately impacts lower-income Californians.

Adding wine and distilled spirits to the bottle bill under SB 1013 will reduce consumer confusion about recycling and increase the amount of revenue coming through the program. This revenue will help provide additional financial support to recycling centers, which we hope will increase consumer access to convenient redemption opportunities. We also believe that SB 1013 will increase the amount and quality of glass entering the recycling stream.

For these reasons, ESJPA is pleased to support your SB 1013.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Toni Atkins
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JOHN KENNEDY
Policy Advocate

cc: The Honorable Phil Ting, Member of the State Assembly
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