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**RE: SB 45 (Padilla)– Tethered Caps on Plastic Beverage Containers – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Padilla,

**Climate Action Campaign** supports Senate Bill 45, which requires the lids on plastic beverage containers to remain attached as a way to reduce plastic pollution.

Plastic bottle caps rank among the top three most littered items on California’s beaches and public lands, as documented by the 5 Gyres Institute, Surfrider Foundation, and a litany of other litter cleanup studies. Detached caps frequently escape proper disposal, polluting waterways and ecosystems where they persist for centuries as litter, toxins, and microplastics.

Loose caps pose a threat to marine life due to their small size, bright colors, and buoyancy, which make them easily mistaken for food. This results in choking, intestinal blockages, and bioaccumulation of toxins—often leading to death. These impacts are well-documented across species ranging from seabirds to turtles and whales.

By ensuring caps remain tethered, SB 45 offers a practical solution to reduce litter and protect California’s natural landscapes, communities, and ecosystems from the harm caused by plastic waste.

Major beverage manufacturers, including Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and Nestlé, have already adopted tethered cap designs to comply with EU regulations, proving this solution is both technologically feasible and cost-effective. Aligning California’s standards with these global benchmarks ensures consistency and amplifies environmental benefits.

For these reasons, we strongly support your SB 45.

Sincerely,

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