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The Honorable Ben Allen  
Senator, California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1143 (Allen) – Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act

Dear Senator Allen:

The City of Cupertino is pleased to support Senate Bill 1143, which would establish Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The City Council voted unanimously to support this bill on May 7, 2024.

As you know, HHW requires special handling and disposal, as it is illegal to dispose of HHW in the garbage, down storm drains, or onto the ground. When illegally or improperly disposed of, chemicals in HHW can be released into the environment and contaminate our air, water, and food supply. The City strongly supports the provisions with regard to reimbursing local government costs for the collection and management of covered materials to ensure costs are appropriately placed on producers rather than ratepayers. This will continue the City's priority and commitment to building a sustainable and resilient community for future generations, as specified in our Climate Action Plan.

Cupertino currently partners with Santa Clara County's HHW disposal program where residents can drop off their HHW free of charge. The City pays approximately \$100k per year for this service without any active recovery. The City currently has funding to participate in the County's HHW program for the next 3-4 years. This bill could bring in direct funds to offset the future costs for the City to continue participating in this program. For these reasons, the City of Cupertino supports SB 1143.

Sincerely,

Sheila Mohan  
Mayor, City of Cupertino

Cc: Senator Dave Cortese  
Assemblymember Evan Low