



April 3, 2025

The Honorable Jacqui Irwin  
Member, California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 6220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 762 – SUPPORT  
As Amended March 28, 2025**

Dear Assembly Member Irwin:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California League of Cities (Cal Cities), and California State Association of Counties (CSAC), we support your Assembly Bill 762 related to single-use vapes.

Assembly Bill 762 bans the sale of disposable battery-embedded vape devices.

Single-use vapes are commonly encountered in the waste stream and must be managed as hazardous waste because they contain residual chemicals, batteries, and electronic components and cause fires. Single-use vapes are frequently encountered as litter in public spaces and the environment. Most troubling, single-use vapes are increasingly used by school children and (if lucky) confiscated by school officials as contraband. These devices are becoming ubiquitous, yet they pose significant public health, environmental, and safety challenges for parents, schools, and local governments that operate waste management systems and must manage illegally disposed vapes.

Designing and marketing single-use vapes perpetuates safety and addiction risks. Single-use vapes are now commonly encountered with digital displays on which the user can play games, thereby increasing the risk of addiction among children. These video display devices pose additional management challenges for solid waste collection programs and local household hazardous waste facilities. Even if detected, it can be difficult to remove embedded batteries from single-use vapes, thereby increasing the risk that the device (and battery) will be crushed and cause a fire either in the environment, in the back of a trash truck, or at a solid waste facility.

By banning the sale of single-use, disposable vapes, AB 762 will reduce local waste management (and illegal disposal cleanup) costs, reduce the risk of fires, reduce

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the likelihood that schools will have to deal with confiscated vapes, and reduce the risk of childhood addiction.

For the above reasons, we support your AB 762. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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