

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Mark Stone
Assemblymember
California State Assembly
State Capitol Swing Space, Room 5740
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1724 (Stone) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is pleased to support your AB 1724, related to microfiber pollution. OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San’s primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services.

AB 1724 would require that by 2024, all washing machines sold as new in California contain a microfiber filtration system. As stewards of our natural resources, one of OC San’s goals is to prevent or reduce the amount of pollution entering our environment. Microfibers and other forms of microplastics are incredibly difficult to remove from the wastewater stream, whether through traditional wastewater treatment and discharge or even advanced indirect potable reuse. These microplastics could eventually make their way through the treatment process and subsequently discharged into the ocean or other bodies of water.

As a result, OC San supports source control methods that stop microfibers from reaching the wastewater stream. We feel that policies such as this are inherently important to protecting public health and the environment.

For these reasons, OC San is pleased to support AB 1724 (Stone). If OC San can be a resource for you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, OC San Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via email at JCabral@ocsan.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John B. Withers
Board Chairman

CC: Orange County Legislative Delegation

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