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September 11, 2014

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2251 (Yamada) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino supports AB 2251 and respectfully requests your signature. AB 2251 would provide more clarity for the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and county sealers to enforce over-collection of California Redemption Value (CRV) on beverage containers.

The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act limits enforcement of improper CRV collection to CalRecycle, which lacks adequate enforcement capabilities. County agricultural commissioners and sealers are ideally situated to respond to overcharge complaints regarding CRV. However, because the CRV is not a commodity, they lack the authority to investigate and enforce improper CRV collection. AB 2251 would authorize agricultural commissioners and sealers to enforce and prevent dealers from charging more for a redemption payment than the actual CRV.

Fraud – including the importation of out-of-state beverage containers – has siphoned millions from the program, and, as a result, CalRecycle operates in a structural deficit. Agricultural commissioners and sealers are licensed by CDFA to investigate and enforce misrepresentations of charges for services, and this bill would allow these county officials to play a major role in preventing recycling fraud.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 2251 and urges you to sign the measure into law. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

JANICE RUTHERFORD  
Board of Supervisors Chair  
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c: The Honorable Mariko Yamada, California State Assembly