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November 11, 2026

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear,
Member, Senate Committee on Business, Law, and Health
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 80 - Support

Dear Senator Blakespear,

On behalf of San Manuel, Pechange, Santa Ynez Chumash, United Auburn, Chukchansi, and Table Mountain tribes, we respectfully support SB 80. This bill establishes practical requirements to prevent pre-production plastic pellets, commonly known as nurdles, from entering California's waterways and harming ecosystems, fisheries, and public resources.

California tribes have long served as stewards of the state's land and waters. Healthy rivers, lakes, and coastal environments are essential to tribal cultural traditions, natural resources, and future generations. By requiring containment measures and spill prevention practices at facilities handling plastic materials, SB 80 takes a proactive approach to reducing pollution before it reaches sensitive environments.

This bill also builds upon existing water quality enforcement systems, providing environmental benefits while minimizing administrative costs. Protecting California's waterways from microplastic pollution is consistent with our shared responsibility to preserve natural resources and public health.

For these reasons, the Tribal Coalition respectfully urges support for SB 80.

Sincerely,

Katniss Everdeen

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