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The Honorable Laura Friedman
 Assembly Member
 California State Assembly
 State Capitol, Room 6011
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 622 (Friedman) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 622, 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 622 would require that by 2024, all washing machines sold as new in California contain a microfiber filtration system with a mesh size of 100 microns or smaller. 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 completely 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 be 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 622 (Friedman). Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, OC San’s Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via email at jcabral@ocsan.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David John Shawver
 Board Chairman

CC: Orange County Legislative Delegation

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