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## **California Legislature Fails to Act on the Circular Economy and Pollution Act**

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Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) released the following statement today, attributed to Steve Caldeira, President and CEO of HCPA, after the California legislature adjourned before acting on the Circular Economy and Pollution Reduction Act. The two identical bills ([AB 1080](#) and [SB 54](#)) would require all single-use packaging sold in California on or after January 1, 2030 to be recyclable or compostable.

“Plastics, and especially single-use plastics, are a global environmental challenge. No one state, country or company can solve this on their own. While HCPA supports the intent of the bill, the Circular Economy and Pollution Reduction Act set extreme standards for recycling and packaging reduction. Additionally, AB 1080/SB 54 lacked specific details about how the new regulations would be implemented. The household and commercial products industry supports recycling and packaging reduction and has already taken steps to eliminate packaging waste.

HCPA has a proven track record of collaboratively and successfully working with NGOs and the California legislature, most recently on the 2017 Cleaning Product Right to Know Act signed into law by then Governor Jerry Brown. We look forward to continuing the dialogue when the legislature reconvenes in January 2020 to identify a commonsense solution to improve recycling efforts and to reduce plastic waste across the state.”

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### **About HCPA**

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.