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The Honorable Bill Quirk
 Assembly Member
 California State Assembly
 P.O. Box 942849
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RE: AB 2787 (Quirk) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is pleased to support your bill AB 2787, which would ban the sale, distribution in commerce, or offering for promotional purposes designated products that contain intentionally added microplastics. 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 2787 is an extension of existing law that bans personal care products that contain microbeads. OC San was supportive of that concept then and is supportive now of continued source control measures that remove microplastics from our environment. As stewards of public health and the environment, removing microplastics is crucial to improving environmental sustainability and ensuring that harmful products do not reduce the effectiveness of water treatment plants and jeopardize public health.

AB 2787 would also make violators liable to a civil penalty that compounds daily. This enforcement mechanism will deter manufacturers and retailers from selling products that contain microplastics and will bring the State one step closer to a microplastic free environment.

For these reasons, we support your bill AB 2787. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,

John B. Withers
 Board Chairman

CC: Orange County Legislative Delegation

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