July 3, 2019

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1162 (Kalra): Lodging establishments: personal care products: small plastic bottles-SUPPORT

Dear Chair Jackson:

On behalf of the California Travel Association, CalTravel, I am writing to support Assembly Bill 1162, authored by Assemblymember Kalra, that prohibits lodging establishments from providing small plastic bottles containing personal care products to hotel guests unless requested.

CalTravel is the umbrella trade association representing the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry. Our membership is made up of cities, destinations, resorts, amusement parks, sports venues, transportation companies, industry associations, ad agencies, media companies, and other organizations for whom travel and tourism is important. In 2018, visitors to California spent $140.6 billion, spending that supported over 1.2 million jobs. California travelers also generated $11.8 billion in state and local taxes in 2018 to support vital public services including police, fire protection, health and homeless services, park maintenance, education and road repair.

CalTravel cares about reducing plastic waste and believes this measure is an important step to create a more sustainable future. While beneficial to some travelers, others do not find these small plastic bottles containing shampoo, conditioner and lotions as beneficial and they are thrown away. Fortunately, there are other alternatives including wall-mounted dispensers or supplying the rooms with larger bottles to ensure travelers have the amenities they need while encouraging sustainable tourism.

For these reasons and more CalTravel is pleased to support AB 1162.

Sincerely,

Barbara Newton
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