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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance for Pharmaceutical Disposal

Dear Board Members:

The Goleta Sanitary District continues to support the County's efforts to remove unwanted pharmaceuticals from the community's waste stream. Each year, millions of pounds of unwanted drugs are flushed down the toilet. A majority of these drugs are not removed through conventional waste water treatment processes and are ultimately discharged into our coastal marine environments.

A program that includes public education combined with convenient access to unwanted drug drop off locations would significantly reduce the amount of drugs being flushed down the toilet. Implementation of the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility Stewardship Ordinance will help achieve this goal and will benefit both our environment and entire community.

Sincerely,

GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT

Steve Wagner General Manager