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I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1020, which mandates that producers of inhalant delivery systems join a producer responsibility organization and implement a program for the collection and disposal of these systems. While the goal of addressing environmental concerns related to inhalant delivery systems is commendable, I believe this legislation poses several significant issues that warrant reconsideration.

Firstly, the requirement for producers to join a responsibility organization could impose undue financial burdens on manufacturers, particularly smaller companies. The costs associated with compliance, administrative overhead, and potential penalties for non-compliance could lead to increased prices for consumers and reduced competition in the market. This could ultimately limit choices for consumers and harm those who rely on these products for legitimate medical or recreational purposes.

Secondly, while the intent is to promote responsible disposal, the effectiveness of such programs remains questionable. Establishing a producer responsibility organization may not guarantee comprehensive solutions for collection and disposal. Instead, it could lead to bureaucratic inefficiencies and mismanagement, resulting in inadequate environmental protection. We should focus on proven methods and strategies that genuinely enhance recycling and waste management rather than creating new layers of regulation that may not yield the desired outcomes.

Additionally, this legislation could inadvertently incentivize unlawful practices, such as the illegal disposal of inhalant delivery systems. If producers face exorbitant costs for compliance, they may be tempted to cut corners or seek alternative, less responsible disposal methods. This could exacerbate the very environmental problems we seek to address.

Moreover, there is a need for broader public education and awareness regarding the responsible use and disposal of inhalant delivery systems. Instead of mandating participation in a producer responsibility organization, I suggest prioritizing initiatives that focus on consumer education, encouraging responsible behavior, and promoting sustainable alternatives.

In conclusion, while I support efforts to minimize the environmental impact of inhalant delivery systems, I believe that SB 1020 is not the most effective or equitable approach. I urge you to reconsider this legislation and explore alternative solutions

that balance environmental responsibility with economic viability and consumer access.