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Dear Cal Recycle,

I am writing in regard to the proposed SB270 fee schedule for bag producers. Eco-Bags Products is a small bag company based, B Corp certified, in New York State. We would like to register our products and become an approved supplier for regulated stores in California, however, the fee schedule that is being proposed creates a significant financial barrier to entry.

Expenses split evenly among registered bag makers gives undue advantage to large corporate bag makers and keeps small companies such as mine out of the marketplace. I urge you to craft a sensible and equitable fee structure based on the volume of bags being and not just favor bigger corporations for whom the fee is little more than an annoyance.

As you are aware most jobs in the United States are connected to smaller companies. We need to make sure our regulations don't create walls around industries that make the rich richer and the poor poorer. We need this regulation to support a vibrant marketplace that encourages entrepreneurship, and new business creation as this is critical to upward mobility and a healthy economy.

Sincerely, Sharon Rowe CEO, Founder Eco-Bags Products Inc.