



Sustainability in Action

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Senate Natural Resources Committee
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

RE: Opposition to SB 324

Republic Services ("Republic") is the franchisee provider for residential and commercial solid waste services in Southern Nevada. Republic also provides single stream recycling to residential customers in Southern Nevada.

Republic is committed to sustainability and protecting of the environment. Several years ago, Republic implemented single stream recycling for all residential households in Southern Nevada and in 2015, Republic Services constructed a brand new state of the art recycling facility in North Las Vegas.

In 2023, Republic constructed a Polymer Center in Clark County. This is the first recycling facility of its kind in North America. The Polymer Center provides for the circularity of recycled plastics by using the collected recyclables, processing the recyclables into flake and then repurposing the flake into other uses such as plastic containers for items such as beverage bottles, household cleaning product containers and food packaging. With the use of the Polymer Center, plastic bottles are diverted away from the landfill and instead are re purposed into new containers.

Although SB 324 is intended to only apply to the Tahoe basin area, we are in opposition to SB 324 should it be expanded to include urban areas. We believe that simply banning these types of containers does not provide a sustainable solution to the underlying issue. In addition, bottles with PET have the ability to be recycled and repurposed into another use. There are other types of containers that cannot be recycled or repurposed which in our opinion has a greater negative impact on the environment. Republic remains committed to sustainability but we do not believe that SB 324 provides the right solution to the problem.

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