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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 3191
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

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SUBJECT: AB 1158 (Chu, Stone) – SUPPORT of the California Carpet Stewardship Act of 2017

Dear Chair Wieckowski:

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The California Resource Recovery Association is pleased to SUPPORT AB 1158 as amended June 20, 2017, which will improve California's weak carpet stewardship program to provide maximum benefits to California fee payers.

CRRA is California's state-wide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. A 501(c)(3) organization, CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state-wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. Our members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. They work for cities and counties, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and in allied professions.

According to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), carpet is one of the 10 most prevalent waste materials in California landfills, comprising about 3.2% of waste by volume disposed in 2008. Current legislation, California's Carpet Stewardship Law (AB 2398, Chapter 681, and Statutes 2010) requires carpet manufacturers that sell carpet in California to implement a stewardship program to increase the recycling rate of carpet within the State. For the past six years, the carpet manufacturers' stewardship organization, Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE), has failed to successfully implement the goals set in statute and is being fined by CalRecycle.

AB 1158 would create an advisory committee of California stakeholders that would be required to make recommendations to the manufacturers and carpet stewardship organizations on the stewardship plans, and require the a carpet stewardship plan to include a process by which the stewardship organization responds to these recommendations made by the committee. Additional key components of AB 1158 as amended June 20, 2017 that are of significant importance include:

- 1) Ensuring the management of postconsumer carpet is consistent with the state's solid waste management hierarchy of source reduction first, then recycling, and

prohibiting the provision of subsidies or spending of consumer assessment money for activities related to the incineration or land disposal of postconsumer carpet.

- 2) Providing reasonable program convenience by requiring at least one take-back location in each county.
- 3) Requiring the stewardship organization to achieve a 24% recycling rate goal by January 1, 2020, and providing the regulatory department authority to set recycling rate goals on and after January 1, 2021.
- 4) Prohibiting the carpet stewardship organization from spending consumer assessment funds on penalties imposed or costs associated with litigation against the State of California.

CRRA thanks you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District
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