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TO: Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg  
Assembly Speaker Karen Bass

Re: Prioritize Beverage Container Recycling Funding  
Oppose Beverage Industry Proposals to Cut Core Recycling Programs  
Support Expansion of Recycling for Program Stability

On behalf of the coalition of local governments, recyclers and environmental groups above, we are in strong support of the Comprehensive Recycling Solution, including:

- Maintaining Core Recycling Program Funding;
- Closing of container recycling loopholes; and
- Increasing consumer recycling incentives.

California's core recycling programs—OLDLINE RECYCLERS, CZ RECYCLERS, CURBSIDE RECYCLERS, PROCESSORS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS and CONSERVATION CORPS—have helped deliver record recycling levels in the nation's best, most cost effective recycling program.

With legislative approval of surgical cuts which we have agreed to there are sufficient funds for CORE PROGRAMS. Subsidies to the beverage industry do not increase or support recycling and are not a core program. If the legislature wants to continue BEVERAGE INDUSTRY SUBSIDIES then recycling must be expanded by adding new containers, increasing the CRV or both.

Californians litter or landfill more than 6 billion used glass, plastic and metal beverage containers annually. Recycling these containers would divert one-quarter million tons of waste from landfills, create jobs and add more than \$200 million to the economy.

The Comprehensive Recycling Solution is the only long-term, sustainable solution to the projected shortfall in the BCRF.

We are opposed to the beverage industry short-term fix, which cuts funding for local government and recyclers in order to subsidize beverage containers whose scrap value doesn't cover their cost of recycling. We are opposed to the Department's proposal to reduce processing payments.

We strongly urge you to support the Comprehensive Recycling Solution.

cc: Members, California State Senate  
Members, California State Assembly