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California Resource Recovery Association

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
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RE: AB 473 (Blumenfield) Multifamily Dwelling Recycling -- SUPPORT

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

CRRA supports AB 473, which will increase recycling in California by extending recycling opportunities to residents in multifamily dwellings.

While California is diverting 58 percent of the state's generated waste, it is estimated that only 15% of waste generated at multi-family dwellings is currently diverted. And while only 19% of Californians live in multifamily dwellings, these housing units account for 26% of California's residential waste stream.

AB 473 will require owners of multifamily dwellings to provide appropriate recycling services, while allowing exceptions when there is inadequate space or recycling service is unavailable or unaffordable.

While nearly 70% of Californians living in single family homes have access to curbside recycling, no more than 40% of multifamily dwelling residents have access to a residential recycling opportunity. AB 473 would save an additional 329,000 tons of recyclable materials from landfills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly one million tons and create additional green jobs in recycling.

It is time to close the residential recycling gap and extend recycling opportunities to all California residents.

Please sign AB 473.

Sincerely,

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President

Cc: Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield



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