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## California Resource Recovery Association

August 30, 2010

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg, Pro Tem California Senate The Honorable John Perez, Speaker California Assembly The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair Assembly Rules Committee

RE: AB 2389 (Perez, J.). AB 1343 (Huffman) and SB 1100 (Corbett) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Steinberg, Assembly Speaker Perez and Assembly Member Skinner:

CRRA respectfully urges you to release from the Rules Committee and bring all three Extended Producer Responsibility bills to a floor vote tomorrow- AB 2389 (carpet), AB 1343 (paint) and SB 1100 (batteries).

Currently, local governments shoulder the burden of solid and hazardous waste management and the costs are borne by taxpayers. The producers of carpet, paint and batteries are in the best position to design products that are recyclable at the end of use but currently have very little incentive to do so. These three bills would provide the incentive for producers to design and plan for the impact of the products they sell, and open profitable new ways to market and deliver their products to California consumers.

CRRA is a strong supporter of extended producer responsibility particularly for products which are banned by California law from landfill disposal, and for products for which the high costs of proper end-of-life management are a burden on local communities and rate payers. Making producers financially responsible for end of life management costs of the products they sell in California is a far more cost-effective and equitable solution.

AB 2389, AB 1343 and SB 1100 would achieve design-for-recycling and improved management of lifecycle impacts for three such product types. We strongly urge that you bring these bills to a vote on the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

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