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# California Resource Recovery Association

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Senator Joe Simitian, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### RE: SB 1100 (Corbett) Household Batteries Recycling Program– Support

Dear Senator Simitian:

Please support SB 1100 by Senator Corbett, a measure that would establish a product stewardship system for household batteries, which were banned from California landfills in 2006. Despite the landfill disposal ban there is no statewide system to fund convenient recycling opportunities of non-rechargeable batteries for California consumers. SB 1100 would establish a much needed consistent, statewide material management system for single-use batteries, and fulfill the intent of the landfill disposal ban.

It is estimated that only one-half of one percent of the more than 500 million batteries are sold each year in California are recycled through local government household hazardous waste programs. And although non-rechargeable batteries account for 80 percent of batteries sold in California, current law, AB 1125 (Pavley, 2006), requires retailers to take back only rechargeable batteries.

The product stewardship system that SB 1100 would establish would require battery manufacturers to design, fund and operate a program to properly manage the batteries they sell in California. In addition to capturing far more batteries for recycling, such a system would manage batteries at a far lower cost per unit than the cost born by local household hazardous waste programs. It would also be an incentive for manufacturers to design safer products that have less environmental impacts, as well as provide consumers with free, convenient recycling opportunities for household batteries statewide.

Please support of this measure when it is heard in Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality  
Senator Corbett