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Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
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RE: AB 2633 (Allen) - OPPOSE

Assemblymember Chesbro:

AB 2633 would qualify electricity generation as part of California's 75% recycling goal by 2020. The electricity generation provision is otherwise unqualified and would abandon California's Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939) provisions equating solid waste transformation and landfilling. Material destruction, whether through burying or thermal combustion, adds to material shortages and destroys embedded energy. **CRRA opposes including electricity generation as recycling.**

This bill narrowly focuses on plastic pyrolysis and propylene monomer specifically; but AB 2633 also calls for CalRecycle to investigate "emerging technologies" for cost-effective material separation and recovery. CRRA supports source reduction, reuse, source separation, and cost-effective processing for all materials including post-consumer plastic, and we encourage incentives to recover additional plastic and use that material to expand California manufacturing.

Recovering materials and then destroying them is not good policy.

Please oppose AB 2633.

Sincerely,



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