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Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Rm. 2141
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RE: AB 1594 (Williams) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chesbro:

Despite California's robust recycling infrastructure for traditional recyclables, the state continues to landfill organic materials including yard trimmings that are collected for recycling/composting.

It is alarming that yard trimmings placed in California landfills receive diversion credit under current rules for alternative daily cover (ADC), a fact that Californians who diligently recycle their yard trimmings would find offensive.

Organic materials, when managed outside a landfill, can be made into value-added products that have the potential to reduce greenhouse gases by more than 4 Million Tons of CO2 each year, produce renewable energy and fuels, and generate four times more jobs than landfilling the same material.

The production and consumption of these products in California represent an economic opportunity that is literally being wasted in California landfills.

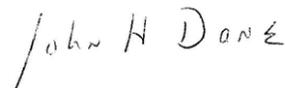
AB 1594 is essential legislation to ensure recycling organic material and correcting the waste of the economic and environmental opportunities under the current system. It is consistent with and essential to the goals of AB 341 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan. It is time to end the charade of allowing diversion credit for yard trimmings used as ADC, and end the unintended and perverse incentive to waste this valuable material in landfills.

CRRA enthusiastically supports AB 1594.

Sincerely,



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