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City of Livermore

August 26, 2014

Honorable Jerry Brown
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Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: AB 1594 (Williams) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

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 opportunity to produce and utilize these products in California is literally being wasted in California landfills.

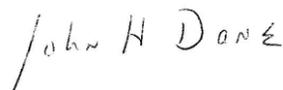
AB 1594 is consistent with and essential to the goals of AB 341 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan. It is time to end the charade of allowing diversion credit for yard trimmings used as ADC, and end the unintended and perverse incentive to waste this valuable resource in landfills.

You have a consistently committed to ending waste of all kinds during your decades of service to the people of California. Signing this important legislation would be a profoundly impactful addition to this commitment.

Sincerely,



Rob Hilton, President



John H. Dane, CAE, Executive Director

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Cc: Assembly Member Das Williams 916-319-2137

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