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City of Livermore

August 26, 2014

Honorable Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916-558-3160

RE: AB 1826 (Chesbro) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

Despite California's robust recycling infrastructure for traditional recyclables, the state continues to landfill organic materials, such as yard trimmings and food scraps. These 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 1826 is consistent with and essential to the goals of AB 341 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan.

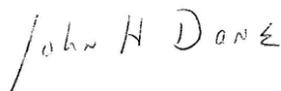
AB 1826 has the potential to do for organic materials what AB 939 and AB 2020 (California's landmark recycling laws of the late 20th Century) did for traditional can, bottle and paper recycling.

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

Cc: Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro 916-319-2092

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