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Sacramento Regional
Solid Waste Authority

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE
CalRecycle

Re: AB 1005 (Gordon) Plastic Market Development—Request for Signature

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Dear Governor Brown,

StopWaste

On behalf of the California Resource Recovery Association we write to request your signature on this measure, which will extend the vital Plastic Market Development program for one additional year.

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California's Plastic Market Development program (PMD) has been a key tool for stimulating economic growth for California plastic processors and manufacturers. The payments to processors help offset transportation and labor advantages of overseas competitors, while the manufacturer payments lower the cost of using recycled feedstock (rather than virgin).

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However, this important program is set to sunset at the end of this year, at a time of where the recycling industry has taken a big hit. Drastic drops in oil prices have had the effect of undermining the demand and price for California-generated recycled materials—California recycled material processors and recycled product makers are starting to lose market share to out of state/country 'virgin' producers.

California Refuse
Recycling Council

City of Fremont

City of Livermore

HF&H Consultants

Marin Sanitary Services

PSSI/Stanford Recycling

R3 Consulting

While we would prefer a five-year extension of the program, we recognize that this short extension is consistent with the Administration's plan to comprehensively examine the state's Bottle Bill program in 2017.

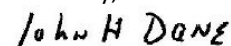
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We support AB 1005 because it provides for the continuation of market-based incentives targeted appropriately at California processors and manufacturers who use domestic supplies of recycled plastic beverage bottles. AB 1005 insures that plastic bottles recycled in California stay in California for processing and remanufacturing. This program helps to close the loop on plastic beverage container recycling, while growing California jobs.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you sign AB 1005 into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John H. Dane
Executive Director



cc. Graciela Castillo-Krings, Office of Governor Jerry Brown
Scott Smithline, CalRecycle

CRRA is California's state-wide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. A 501(c)(3) organization, CRRA is dedicated to achieving environmental sustainability in and beyond California through Zero Waste strategies including product stewardship, waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. CRRA advances local, regional and state-wide waste reduction efforts which result in critical environmental and climate protection outcomes. Our members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. They work for cities and counties, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and in allied professions.