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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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State Capitol, First Floor
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RE: AB 1173 - OPPOSE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

CRRA supports California Integrated Waste Management Board's Strategic Directive #5 - [Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\) Framework](#) - adopted January 2008. AB 1173 fails to align with Strategic Directive #5, and sets a bad precedent for EPR legislation:

- Only a limited number of manufacturers will participate in the voluntary system under AB 1173.
- Funding under AB 1173 will not be sufficient to cover non-participating brands.
- AB 1173 would exempt fluorescent lamps from requirements under future EPR Framework.

California communities are counting on meaningful EPR legislation to address the costs and the environmental impacts of end-of-life management of fluorescent lamps. AB 1173 fails to do so.

Please veto AB 1173.

Sincerely,

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President

Cc: Assembly Member Jared Huffman