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Senator Joe Simitian, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
(FAX: 916-322-3519)

RE: AB 2398 (Perez) – Support

Dear Senator Simitian:

Please support AB 2398 by Assembly Speaker John Perez when it is heard in the Committee on Environmental Quality.

This bill would establish a product stewardship system for carpet, a product that truly consumes significant California landfill space and one that has a significant energy and greenhouse gas footprint. There is currently no statewide system to fund recycling of carpet for California businesses and consumers. AB 2398 would establish a much needed consistent, statewide material management system for carpet products.

The product stewardship system that AB 2398 would establish would require carpet manufacturers to design, fund and operate a program to properly manage the carpet they sell in California. Such a system would have end-of-life management costs far lower than a patchwork of local government programs. It would also be an incentive for manufacturers to design products that have less environmental impacts, as well as provide businesses and consumers with convenient recycling opportunities for carpet statewide.

This bill would significantly reduce the environmental impacts of carpet, as well as reduce volume to landfills and create jobs in recycling.

Please support AB 2398.

Sincerely,

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President

Cc: Members, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
Assembly Speaker Perez, (FAX 916- 319-2146)