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California Resource Recovery Association

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Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814
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**Re: AB 1149 (Gordon and Wieckowski) Beverage Container Recycling & Litter
Reduction: Funds - Support**

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

The California Resource Recovery Association, founded in 1974, is California's statewide recycling association. It is the oldest and one of the largest non-profit recycling organizations in the United States. 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. CRRA's more than 500 members represent all aspects of California's reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. Our members work for over 100 cities, counties and municipal districts, as well as hauling companies, material processors, non-profit organizations, state agencies, and allied professionals.

AB 1149 would extend a January 1, 2012 sunset for the Plastic Market Development program to continue investment in California's plastics recycling and manufacturing infrastructure. It would continue to incent existing California-based manufacturers of plastic products and packaging to buy and use the feedstock plastic for their products from California processors.

Please vote YES on AB 1149.

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Cc: Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Member Richard Gordon
Assembly Member Bob Wieckowski