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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
FAX: 916-319-2192

Re: AB 525 (Gordon) Solid Waste: Tire Recycling – 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.

While there are many uses for scrap tires, Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) is one of the highest and best uses for them. RAC contributes to longer lasting, safer, quieter, and more cost-effective roads. The CalRecycle RAC grant program has been successful in increasing RAC usage across the state. AB 525 is necessary to continue this successful program.

Please vote YES on AB 525.

J. Muir

Julie Muir
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Cc: Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Member Rich Gordon