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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 921 (Allen) Solid Waste: Compost Study - 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 921 would direct the state to measure the significant agricultural water efficiency benefits of applying compost to croplands. It would help expand sustainable agriculture by further studying the water efficiency benefits of compost application. CRRA believes that the wide spread and increased use of compost is critical to restoring California's croplands, conserving and extracting the greatest efficiency from our water resources, and getting the highest and best use from our organic discards.

Please vote YES on AB 921.

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Cc: Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Assembly Member Michael Allen