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Assembly Member Wesley Chesbro
State Capitol, Room 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

Despite California's robust recycling infrastructure for traditional recyclables, the state continues to landfill organic materials, such as yard trimmings and food scraps. These materials, when managed outside a landfill, can be made into value-added products that have the potential to reduce greenhouse gases by more than 4 Million Tons of CO2 each year, produce renewable energy and fuels, and generate four times more jobs than landfilling the same material.

The production and consumption of these products in California represent an economic opportunity that is literally being wasted in California landfills.

AB 2670 is a comprehensive approach to recycling organic material and correcting the waste of the economic and environmental opportunities under the current system. It parallels AB 341 and CalRecycle Strategic Directive 6.1, which proposes that organics in landfill be reduced by 50 percent by 2020.

AB 2670 has the potential to do for organic materials what AB 939 and AB 2020 (California's landmark recycling laws of the late 20th Century) did for traditional can, bottle and paper recycling.

CRRA enthusiastically supports **AB 2670**.

Sincerely,



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