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April 14, 2014

Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
State Capitol, Rm. 2141  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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**RE: AB 1826 (Chesbro) - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 1826** is essential legislation to ensure recycling organic material and correcting the waste of the economic and environmental opportunities under the current system. It is consistent with and essential to the goals of AB 341 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan.

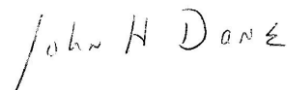
**AB 1826** has the potential to do for organic materials what AB 939 and AB 2020 (California's landmark recycling laws of the late 20th Century) did for traditional can, bottle and paper recycling.

**CRRA enthusiastically supports AB 1826.**

Sincerely,



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