**AB 2612 SAMPLE LETTER**

DATE

The Honorable Brian Maienschein

California State Assembly

State Capitol, Room 2170

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2612 (Maienschein) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: recycling: appropriation - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein:

Thank you for introducing legislation to help reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions and achieve solid and organic waste reduction goals. We applaud you for envisioning a cleaner waste management system that improves existing and creates new solid and organic waste recycling infrastructure.

I would like to express [     's] support for efforts to help meet the state’s ambitious solid and organic waste recycling goals through cost-effective investments in that support in-state markets for solid and organic waste recycling. The intent of AB 2612 is to create funding for solid and organic waste recycling infrastructure and devote 50 percent of the organic waste funding to implementation of SB 1383 (2016) activities by local agencies. This legislation will greatly aid California in its efforts to reduce the amount of waste it generates and expand recycling manufacturing infrastructure, while providing economic and environmental benefits.

California is facing a severe lack of infrastructure for local jurisdictions to meet their solid and organic waste diversion goals. Californians must dispose of no more than 2.7 pounds per day in order to meet the statewide 75 percent recycling goal by 2020. That's a reduction of almost 24 million tons per year.  The lack of organic waste infrastructure is only one part of the equation. California should develop the infrastructure necessary to properly manage all of our discarded materials as our recycling needs increase.

AB 2612 would amend Section 39719 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.  This bill would allocate $200 million per year from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (cap and trade) to:

1. Improve California's statewide recycling infrastructure to achieve the
State's greenhouse gas emission, solid and organic waste reduction
goals established by SB 1383, AB 1826 (2014) and AB 341 (2011);
2. Improve existing and create new solid and organic waste recycling infrastructure to enable the State to better and more effectively manage, reuse, and recycle its waste stream in-State and to create additional jobs in the solid waste, recycling, and manufacturing sectors; and,
3. Assist local governments in implementing their solid and organic waste programs to achieve the State's greenhouse gas emission and solid and organic waste reduction goals.

[I/We] support AB 2612. Thank you again for your efforts to better manage our waste stream, create green energy, and jobs for all Californians.

Respectfully,

Name

Title, Affiliation

cc: Chair of Assigned Committee

 Members, Consultant of Assigned Committee