

September 20, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 548 (Levine) – Solid waste: multifamily dwellings

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

Allied Waste Services joins a large coalition of solid waste haulers and recyclers in strong support of AB 548. We believe that providing recycling services at apartments and condominiums is one of the most cost-effective means currently available for increasing the diversion and recycling of solid waste.

California as a whole currently diverts 54 percent of its generated solid waste. However, only an estimated 15% of waste generated at multifamily dwellings is being diverted. While nearly 70 percent of Californians living in single family homes have access to curbside recycling, only a small percentage of those living in multifamily dwellings have access to a residential recycling opportunity. AB 548 will require that an owner of a multifamily dwelling provide **appropriate** recycling services for their dwellings on and after July 1, 2008. The bill also defines a multifamily dwelling as a residential building which consists of five or more units. Appropriate solid waste recycling services are currently available and this bill will insure that the state maximizes this resource.

We urge your approval of AB 548.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg and Chuck Helget
Representing Allied Waste Services

Cc: Assembly Member Levine