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Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
Attention: Legislative Unit  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing in strong support of AB 548: Bringing the Opportunity to Recycle to Every Californian, introduced by Assemblymember Levine, and SB 1021: Multi-family/Container Recycling Grants, introduced by Senator Padilla. Both bills have passed the State Assembly and the State Senate.

AB 548 requires apartment owners to provide recycling for multi-family dwellings. Currently, just 15% of waste generated at multi-family dwellings is diverted. According to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, more than 894,687 tons of recyclable materials are currently being landfilled by multi-dwelling residents. All Californians deserve the opportunity to recycle, regardless of whether they live in a single family home or a multi-family dwelling. Many residents in Long Beach who live in multi-family dwellings are eager to recycle, but have been unable to convince their landlord to provide recycling programs.

SB 1021 would extend the multi-family recycling grants program for one year and increase funding to \$15 million. By using a small portion of the unclaimed CRV funds to help fund the placement of recycling receptacles in multi-family dwellings, California would be helping offset the costs of providing basic recycling opportunities to 19.1 percent of Californians.

Please support these bills to ensure that recycling opportunities are given to every California resident. These measures will result in significant waste reduction by recycling. An estimated 900 thousand tons of materials will be diverted from landfills, resulting in a greenhouse gas reduction of nearly 1 million tons of CO2 per year.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Nick Lapis, Californians Against Waste

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