



JOINT STATE OFFICE

February 26, 2010

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT – AB X8 7 – Bottle Bill Fix

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the California Refuse Recycling Council (CRRC), we are writing in support of the restoration of funding for the Bottle Bill program, AB X8 7 of 2010. The CRRC is a trade association comprised of more than 100 solid waste collection and recycling firms throughout California.

AB X8 7 will allow the California Bottle Bill program to continue to function at 2008-09 funding levels and restore critical funding to various related programs and issues by providing:

1. Payments assisting Curbside Recycling Programs in over 400 cities and counties throughout the State to increase the amount of recyclables;
2. Glass Incentive Payments to assist in supplying a clean source of recyclable glass to the state's manufacturers (although reduced from \$15 million to \$10 million);
3. Accelerated payments from 90 to 60 days by beverage distributors of the California Redemption Value resulting in approximately \$100 million one-time revenue increase in the current year;
4. Set expenditure priorities by suspending various ongoing appropriations for calendar years 2010 and 2011, thus achieving nearly \$28 million in current year (CY) savings, and \$56 million in fiscal year 2010-11 savings;
5. Market development payments for plastic containers from \$5 million to \$10 million; and
6. Legislative Intent language states that BCRF monies shall not be loaned or used for any other purpose than the Bottle Bill program.

This bill provides the essential elements of a fair compromise to restore the failing budget of the Bottle Bill program. We look forward to working with your administration on a long-term program to continue the program for the next decades.

We respectfully request your signature on AB X8 7.

Thank You,


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