

THE FLANIGAN LAW FIRM

September 20, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 548 (Levine) – Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We are writing on behalf of our client, the California Chapters of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI). ISRI is a trade association representing approximately 1,200 companies nationwide, 100 of which are located in California. ISRI members process, broker, and consume scrap commodities. They are experts in the handling, processing, shipping, and/or recycling of recyclable scrap commodities.

ISRI supports AB 548 (Levine) which will bring recycling services to all residents in apartment communities. AB 548 would require multi-family dwelling owners to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate for the apartment complex. Over the past decade, the Legislature has made it clear that all cities and counties must provide a source reduction and recycling element to its solid waste program. Last year, you signed AB 3056 (Chapter 907, Statutes of 2006) which authorized funding up to \$5 million for local governments and nonprofit agencies to place multifamily housing source separated beverage container recycling receptacles in low-income communities. AB 548 is the next step in making sure that all recyclable material is in the loop.

The majority of Californians living in single family homes have access to curbside recycling. This measure will open the doors to recycling for all residents of apartment communities. AB 548 will give these residents the ability to be part of the solution. This is a win-win for all.

We, therefore, respectfully request your signature on AB 548.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable Lloyd Levine