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

**RE: AB 2398 (Perez) - PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP: CARPET.
REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of Los Angeles Fiber, a family-owned entrepreneurial company founded to support California's recycling goals, we request your signature on Assembly Bill 2398 by Speaker Perez. Assembly Bill 2398 establishes a statewide carpet stewardship program for post-consumer carpet.

Because AB 2398 will create California jobs, reduce the amount of waste carpet sent to landfills, and is funded by the producers of carpet, not the taxpayers of our state, Los Angeles Fiber strongly supports Assembly Bill 2398.

Los Angeles Fiber is committed to making an environmental difference here in California, but we are struggling to survive. Assembly Bill 2398 will provide stability to the post-consumer recycling industry in California and significantly enable us to increase our recycling efforts. We have previously been acknowledged for our efforts as follows:

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2008 awarded us the Innovations in Carpet Recycling Award for accomplishing the diversion of 46 percent of the first billion pounds of waste carpet recycled in the United States.
- International Society of Plastic Engineers named Los Angeles Fiber "2007 Plastic Recycling Award Winner."
- California Resource Recovery Association, the premier recycling organization in the United States, named me the "2006 Recycle Person of the Year" for my dedication to the industry.

- In 2005, Los Angeles Fiber was featured as the first recycling company on on PBS's Hugh Howser's, *California Green*.
- In 2005, Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE), named me the "Recycle Person of the Year" and in 2003 awarded Los Angeles Fiber "Recycler of the Year." CARE's mission is to help develop market-based solutions for the recycling and reuse of post-consumer carpet.

Los Angeles Fiber knows how difficult it is to recycle used carpet. We have learned what it takes to continuously divert this waste material from California landfills. Assembly Bill 2398 is vitally necessary to ensure that a viable recycling industry remains in the state because it provides the regulatory certainty needed for new investments required to increase the amount of carpet removed from California's waste stream.

There are currently only five carpet recyclers in our state, including three new businesses lured here by the momentum behind, and possibility of the passage of, this bill. For every 100 tons of recycled carpet, one new job is created. Your signature on Assembly Bill 2398 will expand the industry by 60,000 tons and 600 jobs. Despite industry efforts, carpet still represents 3 percent of the weight and 5 percent of the volume of waste in our landfills.

Assembly Bill 2398 is a significant step forward in the State's recycling efforts. For this reason we are pleased to support this bill and ask that you sign this measure into law.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Greitzer, President
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cc: The Honorable John Perez, California State Assembly
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