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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
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RE: AB 548 (Levine) Multifamily Dwelling Recycling – Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of the Orange County Conservation Corps, I respectfully ask for your support of Assembly Bill 548 by Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, which will increase California's recycling rate by expanding recycling opportunities at multifamily dwellings.

While California overall is diverting more than 50 percent of generated waste, it's estimated that just 15% of waste generated at multi-family dwelling is currently diverted. While just 19.1% of Californians live in multi-family dwellings, these housing units account for 26 percent of the residential waste stream. AB 548 is aimed increasing recycling in California by closing the curbside recycling gap for multifamily dwellings.

AB 548 will require that an owner of a multifamily dwelling provide appropriate recycling services for the dwelling in accordance with the local jurisdiction's recycling plan.

Nearly 70 percent of Californians living in single family homes have access to curbside recycling, yet no more than 40 percent of those living in multi-family dwellings have access to a residential recycling opportunity — and many of those are unaware of it.

The Orange County Conservation Corps employ young adults to provide conservation services to public and private businesses and organizations. The local corps recycling crews have extensive experience coordinating recycling and CRV beverage container collection services for offices, and can coordinate pick-up for multi-family buildings. We support this legislation because it will expand recycling at multifamily dwellings and has the potential to divert an additional 329,000 tons of recyclable materials.

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All Californian's deserve the opportunity to recycle, regardless of whether they live in a single family home or a multifamily dwelling.

Sincerely,



Max Carter
Executive Director

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John Moffatt, Deputy legislative secretary
Assemblymember Lloyd Levine