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September 18, 2007

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

**RE: AB 548 (Levine) Multifamily Dwelling Recycling – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Planning and Conservation League supports AB 548 (Levine), which will increase California's recycling rate by expanding recycling opportunities at multifamily dwellings. Currently, less than half the residents of multifamily housing have access to curbside recycling. This has caused 329,000 tons of recyclable materials to end up in our landfills.

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

California overall is diverting more than 50 percent of generated waste from our landfills through recycling. However, at multi-family dwelling, it's estimated that just 15% of waste generated is currently diverted. A 2004 waste stream analysis by the California Integrated Waste Management Board found that more than 894,687 tons of recyclable materials are currently being landfilled by multi-dwelling residents.

All Californian's deserve the opportunity to recycle, regardless of whether they live in a single family home or a multifamily dwelling. We urge your signature on this measure when it arrives on your desk.

Sincerely,

Tina Andolina  
Legislative Director

Cc: Assemblymember Lloyd Levine



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