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Reducing the Waste Stream for Alameda County

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September 18, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 548 (Levine) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

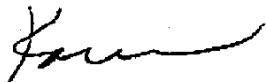
StopWaste.Org, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, is in support of AB 548 which will increase the amount of materials recycled by multi-family residents. Increased recycling directly correlates with decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

StopWaste.Org's mission is to achieve the most environmentally sound solid waste management and resource conservation programs for the residents and businesses of Alameda County. We have developed multifamily recycling programs as one of many programs created to help Alameda County reach its 75% and beyond diversion goal. AB 548 will help our Agency capture a portion of the estimated 34,000 tons of recyclable materials generated by multifamily units in Alameda County.

Currently, less than 40% of multifamily residents have access to recycling statewide. The infrastructure to capture recyclable materials from multifamily housing is already in place. This bill will help make that infrastructure more readily available to multi-family residents.

We urge you to sign AB 548 into law.

Sincerely,



Karen Smith
Executive Director

cc: Mark Murray, Californians Against Waste