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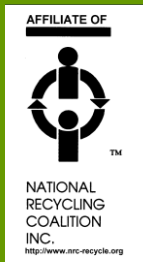
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# California Resource Recovery Association

January 8, 2009

National Recycling Coalition, Inc.  
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Dear NRC Board Members,

On November 25, 2008, twenty-nine of the country's largest environmental groups rolled out a comprehensive list of environmental actions and energy policies they'd like President-elect Barack Obama to adopt after he takes office January 20, 2009. Conspicuously missing from the 391-page [Transition to Green](#) document was any mention of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting. As NRC Board Members are well aware, recycling and composting activities can play a huge role in reducing the harmful effects of consumption on the environment and climate change.

The absence of any advocacy for recycling and composting in the *Transition to Green* document, and the lack of invitation to the NRC from the list of authors, is a gross oversight and a missed opportunity. We urge the NRC to reach out to the groups associated with [Transition to Green](#), especially the lead authors, and help make the connection that waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting helps to protect our environment (as well as create jobs and save money) by decreasing the demand on extraction of virgin materials. We suggest there be a section that includes: 1) direct support for recycling and composting infrastructure expansion and 2) green building practices including recycled content and on-site construction materials recycling, among others.

Preserving landfill capacity and reducing landfill gas emissions is just the start of the environmental and climate impacts of recycling and composting. The profound benefits of reducing the demand for extraction and consumption of virgin materials by using recycled materials, and by composting, are critical to the national discussion on environmental and economic priorities.

We are very pleased to know that Ed Skernolis, Acting NRC Executive Director, has taken a lead in organizing a detailed recycling infrastructure stimulus package, funded through federal grants to modernize the recycling infrastructure. Upgrading the American recycling infrastructure will dramatically increase energy efficiencies and restart the economy with green jobs.

We ask the NRC Board to fully support this effort and provide all the resources necessary to get the recycling economic support package delivered to Washington. We also ask each NRC Board member to fully engage their sponsoring organizations to muster political support for this recycling infrastructure package. The CRRA will support Ed's efforts in any way we can, and we urge other RO's to do the same.

Sincerely,

*J. Muir*  
President