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SUPPORT AB 2640

Dear Assembly Member Huffman,

The California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) is the statewide non-profit recycling organization. CRRA's more than 500 members represent all aspects of California's recycling community.

The CRRA Board of Directors supports AB 2640, which would reduce landfilling of compostable organic materials, and would eliminate the practice of treating green waste alternative daily cover as diversion. We especially are pleased that AB 2640 would direct financial support, gleaned from levying a fee on alternative daily cover, to expand compost facilities and operations.

CRRA has proposed similar policies in its Resource Management Act, including the "ban with a plan" and facilities development approaches incorporated in AB 2640. CRRA organized a successful workshop in Sacramento one year ago to mobilize support for keeping organic materials out of landfills. Elimination of green waste ADC diversion credit was a key action identified at that workshop.

We do note, however, that some green waste compost and mulch is used beneficially at landfills, for erosion control and slope stability. We encourage such use, including Caltrans' adoption of this practice, and suggest that AB 2640 not discourage or penalize proper beneficial use of compost and mulch.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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