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Dr. Robert F. Sawyer, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: IMPLEMENTING AB32

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

The California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) - a statewide recycling association with over 500 recycling professionals and practitioners as members – encourages your agency to consider measures to reduce the amount of organics landfilled in California as a means to implement AB32 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We offer our assistance to the Air Resources Board in evaluating and implementing such measures, and in developing and promoting alternatives to landfill disposal of organic materials.

Landfills are a significant source of methane emissions in California. Methane is created when organic materials, whether disposed of or used as daily cover, decompose anaerobically in landfills. Therefore, one way to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California would be to remove organic materials such as yard trimmings and food scraps from landfill disposal or use. Similar bans have been implemented by 23 other states and the European Union. CRRRA proposes that implementation of California's AB32 include removal of organics from landfills.

On Monday, March 19, CRRRA will be sponsoring a free policy workshop on the reduction of greenhouse gases through composting. The workshop will be held in the Cal EPA Building in Sacramento. Presentations will be given by experts in the fields of greenhouse gas reduction and composting. We cordially invite your agency to co-sponsor this workshop, and to participate in the presentations and discussions. Mr. Gary Liss of CRRRA's Policy Committee has contacted your to discuss this opportunity.

CRRRA has worked closely with the California Integrated Waste Management Board since its inception, supporting it in its mission to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost materials that would otherwise be disposed of in landfills and incinerators. We wish to form a similar partnership with your agency, working together to meet our mutual environmental goals and to effectively implement AB32.

Very truly yours,

Julie Muir
President
California Resource Recovery Association.

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