

SAMPLE LETTER

RECYCLING AND THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

The Honorable [Name of Senator/Congressman]
Address [Find at www.senate.gov or www.house.gov]

Dear Senator/Congressman [Name]

I/we are writing to urge your support for the economic recovery package, and specifically to support appropriations for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants that were authorized by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. [Add sentence or two on your organizational or individual role regarding recycling] As an individual/organization committed to enhancing recycling, we note that, under Section 544, Item 10 of EISA, the funds may be used for “activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs, including source reduction, *recycling, and recycled content procurement programs that lead to increases in energy efficiency.*”

The recycling industry is estimated to provide over 2 million jobs and contribute over \$250 Billion to the GDP. This appropriation will provide communities across the county with a much-needed incentive to maintain and grow their recycling programs, which are so critical to our sustainable energy and environmental future. Municipal and scrap recycling already significantly reduces the climate change gas emissions associated with manufacturing using virgin materials and with waste disposal, as much as 4-5%. In addition, recycling allows us to preserve our precious natural resources by optimizing the recovery of materials so sorely needed for national and global economic development. Of immediate interest, placing procurement power in the hands of recycling service providers will quickly stimulate green jobs in the manufacturing sector (collection vehicles, processing equipment, recycling carts/bins) and in the services sector.

I/we thank your for your support of recycling in this appropriation and look forward to working with our local officials in a quick and effective implementation of the stimulus elements.

Sincerely,

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