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President Signs Stimulus Package That Includes Opportunity for Community Recycling Funding

Washington, DC (February 19, 2009) - The Stimulus Package signed by President Obama on February 17 included the provision advocated by NRC and its members, specifically authorizing \$3.2 Billion for the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, from which communities may use distributed funds in support of a variety of energy-related actions, to include projects related to source reduction and recycling. Thank you to all our members who contacted their elected officials to ensure that this program was adequately funded. As we indicated in our Call to Action on the Stimulus Package, this is only the first step. Now, it is necessary to contact your local officials and advocate for using some of these funds for needed recycling infrastructure and education programs that can be translated into lasting energy savings, while at the same time producing manufacturing and service jobs for the provision of recycling services. The relevant language from the legislation signed by the President is provided below.

Department of Energy

Energy Programs Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy For an additional amount for "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy," \$16,800,000,000: Provided that \$3,200,000,000 shall be available for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants for implementation of programs authorized under subtitle E of title V of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17151 et seq.), of which \$2,800,000,000 is available through formula in subtitle E: Provided further, That the Secretary may use the most recent and accurate population data available to satisfy the requirements of section 543(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007: Provided further, That the remaining \$400,000,000 shall be awarded on a competitive basis.