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Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D., Chair
Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee
California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Waste reduction and Recycling in the ETAAC Draft Report

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

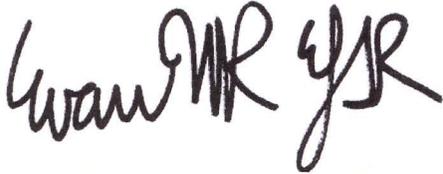
The California Refuse Removal Council (CRRC) is a statewide non-profit trade association comprised of over 120 companies involved in the collection and processing of organic materials that also operate approximately 20 composting facilities, 50 material recovery facilities (MRFs), 25 construction and demolition debris processing facilities, and over 12 landfills statewide. Our industry, in partnership with local government, has been instrumental in our state's efforts to attain the recycling mandate of 50% waste diversion from landfills, required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), and will remain critical to the attainment of future sustainable goals.

The purpose of this correspondence is to convey support for the testimony provided at today's ETAAC public meeting regarding recycling and composting and to encourage the committee to include incentives to expand recycling and composting in ETAAC's final report.

Recycling and compost application both have significant greenhouse gas benefits. Increasing the amount of materials recycled and composted would result in substantial greenhouse gas emissions reductions much sooner than currently unproven conversion technologies. Of particular importance is the development of protocols that would allow the quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved through recycling and composting. Additionally, the removal of barriers to composting, and increasing commercial recycling, will assist the recycling and composting industries to realize their potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 739-1200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan W.R. Edgar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Evan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Edgar".

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