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September 14, 2010

**SENT VIA FAX: (916) 558-3177**

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2398 (Perez) Carpet Product Stewardship – Support**

The Honorable Governor Schwarzenegger:

Napa County urges you to sign AB 2398 into law. The bill supports a product stewardship approach to recycling waste carpet that will create new manufacturing jobs in California. This bill will enable us to stop sending carpet to the landfill and start a carpet recycling program here in Napa County. In a 2008 statewide waste characterization report, the state identified carpet among the top ten most prevalent material types in California's waste stream with an estimated **1,285,473 tons in 2008 alone**. In addition to this huge waste of resources, carpet has the fourth largest greenhouse gas footprint of any product waste in California.

If AB 2398 becomes law, California will see benefits in private sector jobs, reduced need for landfills, and savings to taxpayers and ratepayers who no longer will have to pay for used carpet to be managed. AB 2398 envisions a program funded/operated **by the private sector** with limited governmental involvement, thereby saving money for both state and local governments. Several carpet recyclers in this state are poised to expand operations, creating green jobs here in California. In addition, several out-of-state companies are looking to site plants in California if this bill becomes law.

Currently, California companies like Los Angeles Fiber (Vernon, CA) and Bentley Prince Street (City of Industry, CA) are recycling old carpet into new carpet and carpet pad and they will expand and create jobs if the new law moves forward.

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Napa County encourages you to sign this bill to stimulate the creation of jobs in California and to demonstrate a successful product stewardship approach with this highly recyclable product. Carpet, a material that is now a liability and cost to taxpayers, will become an important driver in of our sustainable economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Dillon".

Diane Dillon  
Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

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