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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
Attention: Legislative Affairs – Request for Signature
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 737 (Chesbro) Solid Waste Diversion – Support**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Napa Recycling & Waste Services urges you to sign into law Assembly Bill 737 (Chesbro).

AB 737 is one of the most important pieces of solid waste legislation to be proposed in the last decade. It enacts an important part of the AB32 Scoping Plan and is the logical next step in California's leading role to reverse a landfill-based system with one that returns discarded resources to the value-added economy, and replaces spent landfills with green jobs.

Our company provides recycling & waste services to more than 28,000 households and 1500 commercial customers. **Our customers save money by recycling.** For example, in the City of Napa, a business that generates six cubic yards of waste per week and pays for a standard three yard container to be serviced twice per week saves over \$500 a month by subscribing to recycling service. That savings is possible because trash service is reduced, and because we offer free recycling service (we avoid a landfill charge, and we can sell the recyclable materials).

One prominent local business, Silverado Resort, implemented a large-scale recycling and composting program and reduced their annual garbage bill by nearly \$100,000.

We support AB 737 because it will require those businesses and multi-family complexes that have not yet instituted a waste recycling program to join the rest of our customers, and so many others in communities throughout California, and contribute in a meaningful way to help protect the environment. By participating wherever such programs are available, businesses will save money. Those producing small quantities of trash, or who are located in rural areas or areas not served by a recycling provider, are exempted.

Just as important, AB 737 would help the growth of recycling and compost processing capacity - a surefire way to increase value-added economic activity and create jobs in California.

Recycling and composting facilities and operations often are unfairly disadvantaged by misaligned and contradictory regulations. It is increasingly difficult to sustain operations, let alone expand this vital infrastructure to meet growing demand. The growth in new compost processing capacity has been

severely constrained, despite growing demand for processing capacity as more communities establish yardwaste and food composting programs.

This bill will assist in the development and expansion of additional recycling and composting facilities, including our facilities in Napa, Paradise and Zamora. Bringing new capacity on line is both necessary and timely if we are to keep pace with growing demand, and has the added benefit of creating green jobs at a time when unemployment is unacceptably high.

Not only does recycling save resources, energy and money, but it also creates jobs. Recycling creates 10 times as many jobs in recycling sorting, and 25 times as many jobs in recycling manufacturing, as compared to burying valuable material in a landfill.

AB 737 will do more than any other measure brought before you as Governor to advance recycling and composting, increase the industry's economic value, and secure new jobs. Napa Recycling & Waste Services urges you not to pass up this historic opportunity. Please sign AB 737.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Dewey-Mattia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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