

March 20, 2024

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Buddy Carter
Chair
Subcommittee on Energy, Manufacturing,
and Critical Minerals
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy, Manufacturing,
and Critical Minerals
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairs McMorris Rodgers and Carter and Ranking Members Pallone and Tonko:

The undersigned organizations strongly support the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act and the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act, and we encourage your committees to advance these bills by holding hearings and reporting them favorably.

Many businesses and organizations recognize that moving toward a circular economy is critical to meeting ambitious sustainability goals. In addition, recycling enhances the domestic supply of materials of importance to national and economic security.

While companies are developing innovative recycling technologies and processes, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and National Recycling Strategy are helping to provide a national focus on circularity and recycling. Because the cost of recycling has challenged local governments to justify return to the taxpayers, federal incentives and other policies help improve the accessibility of recycling, especially in underserved communities.

These bills would provide welcome, incremental approaches to complement the existing suite of policy options and would help spur creative and tailored local approaches to recycling. We believe hearings would provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to offer perspective on helpful changes and ways to build a potential path forward for these proposals. Moreover, your consideration of these bills would complement work by the Senate, which passed similar legislation on March 12, 2024, by unanimous consent.

Please feel free to contact Chuck Chaitovitz, Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Sustainability, U.S. Chamber of Commerce at cchaitovitz@uschamber.com should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

American Beverage Association
American Chemistry Council

American Forest & Paper Association
Consumer Brands Association
Flexible Packaging Association
Glass Packaging Institute
International Bottled Water Association
National Waste and Recycling Association
Plant Based Products Council
Plastics Industry Association
The Aluminum Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce