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Assembly Member Luz Rivas
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 478 (Ting) – Thermoform Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Rivas,

The undersigned organizations are in support of AB 478 (Ting), which would close the loop on thermoform containers used in food and beverage applications in California by establishing minimum recycled content requirements.

PET thermoform containers have contained the most California recycled content of any food package in the United States. The recycled content, however, consisted primarily of recycled plastic beverage containers. As the beverage industry moves to increase their own recycled content to comply with AB 793 (Ting), we are pleased to see the thermoform industry taking leadership to close the loop on their own thermoform containers.

AB 478 would:

- Encourage the collection of California-processed plastic feedstock needed to make new food and beverage thermoform containers for a closed loop system.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and landfill disposal
- Provide a level playing field

AB 478 will help the state move towards it's waste reduction and climate change goals. Beyond the climate-friendly reduction in resource use and greenhouse gases, plastic recycling generates jobs and economic benefits for local communities, creating a circular economy to produce, collect, recycle and reprocess post-consumer plastic thermoformed containers.

We respectfully urge your AYE vote.

Sincerely,

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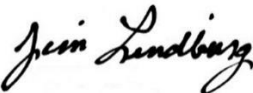
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