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Dear CEC,

CR&R is a nationally recognized, full-service recycling and waste management firm. With our capable 1100-person staff, we provide recycling and solid-waste management services to more than 2.5 million customers in some 40 Southern California cities. CR&R is also on the leading edge of developing anaerobic systems to convert waste to renewable energy and transportation fuel.

CR&R Incorporated is committed to expanding its fleet of 150 alternative fuel vehicles that provide waste and recycling services to a 2.5 million customer base in Southern California. Ours is one of the largest alternative fuel fleets in our industry in California.

Given the high cost of expanding existing and building new CNG fueling stations (\$700,000 to \$1,000,000 and more) and our inability to pass the costs of these major capital investments on to the cities we serve because of the current economic climate (we serve some 45 Southern California communities), grant funds such as those provided by the CEC under AB 118 for fueling infrastructure are of critical importance to CR&R. We understand that \$8 million in AB 118 funding has been reserved by the CEC for a fueling infrastructure solicitation that is due out later this year. We strongly support the full allocation of these funds for fueling infrastructure development.

Companies like CR&R are not in the station-building or fuel-selling business. Our interest in obtaining funding is strictly to offset the cost of station development on our premises so that we can conveniently and cost-effectively fuel our vehicles. To the extent possible we offer public fueling opportunities, but the latter is not our primary focus.

We look forward to participating in the upcoming funding solicitation. We believe that you will find keen interest in the solicitation from private companies within the solid waste industry.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate
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