

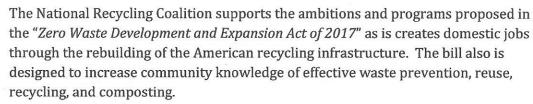


The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) supports and endorses the "Zero Waste Development and Expansion Act of 2017". The NRC believes that in conjunction with source reduction, reuse, and composting; the recycling of valuable materials is essential to a sustainable environmental, energy, and economic future.



The "Zero Waste Development and Expansion Act of 2017" will help communicate the following American environmental values:

- Recycling is resource management, not waste management.
- Recycling programs must be designed to minimize contamination in consideration of the needs of upstream users.
- Thermal combustion is not recycling.
- Recycling is a value-added activity to our communities, states, and country that creates "green," well-paying jobs, boosting a domestic economy committed to sustainability.



It is critical at this juncture of the American economy that we create a strategic shift away from the costly strategy of waste management toward a holistic resource management system that strives to use less materials overall, reduce toxins, recover more used materials, create new jobs, and foster economic development.

We believe that recycling is a shared responsibility which requires citizen engagement. The grants program established in your legislation will provide critical investment in infrastructure and technologies. This will help achieve the goal of a more sustainable America for our future.

The NRC Board of Directors thank you for your leadership in introducing and sponsoring the "Zero Waste Development and Expansion Act of 2017" and we look forward to working with you to achieve that sustainable recycling future.

Sincerely,

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