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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Gary Palmer
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives

Pass the Recycling Infrastructure Accessibility Act (H.R. 2145) and the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (H.R. 4109)

Dear Chairman Guthrie, Chairman Palmer, Ranking Member Pallone, Ranking Member Tonko, and Members of the Committee:

As leading companies, trade associations and advocates for the recycling industry, we are calling for the passage of two bipartisan bills that would significantly improve recycling systems in the United States. The Recycling Infrastructure Accessibility Act (RIAA), introduced by Representative Miller-Meeks, and the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (RCAA), introduced by Representative Neguse, would improve access to recycling services and advance the recovery and reuse of materials that are essential to America's manufacturing supply chains.

The RIAA and RCAA enjoy broad bipartisan support and passed the Senate by unanimous consent for the third time in early 2025. They are also endorsed by a broad coalition of stakeholders including manufacturers, consumer brands, trade groups, and environmental organizations. Given the widespread support for RCAA and RIAA legislation, we urge the House Energy and Commerce Committee to report both bills favorably out of committee and advance them to the House floor. We also urge swift and final passage of both bills by the House of Representatives.

Every year, millions of pounds of valuable recyclable materials—worth billions of dollars—are sent to landfills. This includes materials designated as critical by the Department of War. Manufacturers across a wide range of sectors rely on recycled materials as important feedstocks to meet production demand and strengthen domestic supply chains. Expanding recycling can help reduce waste, support American manufacturing, and improve the long-term resilience of the U.S. economy. According to The Recycling Partnership's [2024 State of Residential Recycling Report](#), a mere 21% of recyclables are captured at the household level, among the lowest rates of any advanced economy.

We can and must do more to realize the economic, environmental, and national security benefits of recycling. If passed, the RIAA would help ensure that no community is left out of the recycling economy by establishing a pilot program designed to increase access to recycling services in rural and underserved areas. Our recycling economy can only succeed if all communities are able to participate in a system that diverts materials from landfills and returns them to productive use in our economy.

Equally important, the RCAA would establish reporting guidelines for recycling and composting programs to track performance over time and encourage continuous improvements to our recycling system. With better reporting and data collection, we can make informed recycling investments that deliver maximum value to local communities.

Together, these bipartisan bills would advance the nation's recycling capabilities, support a robust and circular economy, and help secure critical domestic supply chains. We, the undersigned organizations, support the RCAA and the RIAA and urge the Committee to promptly advance both bills to the House floor and support final passage by the full House.

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| Amcor | International Paper |
| American Beverage Association | National Association of Manufacturers |
| American Chemistry Council | National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR) |
| American Cleaning Institute | National Confectioners Association |
| American Forest & Paper Association | Niagara Bottling |
| AMERIPEN | Novelis |
| Arconic | Paper Recycling Coalition |
| Association of Plastic Recyclers | PepsiCo |
| Ball Corporation | Personal Care Products Council |
| BASF Corporation | PET Resin Association (PETRA) |
| Biodegradable Products Institute | Plastic Pipe Institute |
| Can Manufacturers Institute | Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS) |
| Carton Council | Primo Brands Corporation |
| Cirba Solutions | Recology |
| Constellium | Recycled Materials Association (ReMA) |
| Eastman | Renegade Plastics Corporation |
| Elders Climate Action (ECA) Northern California | Rio Tinto |
| Elders Climate Action (ECA) Southern California | SC Johnson |
| Flexible Packaging Association (FPA) | Sustainable Food Policy Alliance |
| Foodservice Packaging Institute | Tetra Pak |
| General Mills | The Aluminum Association |
| Glass Packaging Institute | The Kraft Heinz Company |
| Indorama Ventures | The Recycling Partnership |
| International Bottled Water Association (IBWA) | U.S. Plastics Pact |
| | Woodpack Global |
| | World Wildlife Fund |