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Assembly Member Luz Rivas, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR AJR 4 (Garcia)– Basel Agreement Ratification**

Dear Chair Rivas:

The undersigned organizations appreciate and strongly support the introduction of Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 4, Basel Agreement Ratification. The ratification inherently places responsibility on the waste generators to prevent dumping on countries that cannot properly manage post-consumer plastic scrap. The California Product Stewardship Council's (CPSC's) mission is to shift the cost burden for complex end-of-life solutions for products off local government and residents by engaging producers of these products in these solutions.

AJR 4 is a step in the right direction to prevent the negative impacts caused by externalizing our plastic waste management on other countries without accountability for the global impacts of mis-managed materials. Other steps include legislation for producer payments to support material management in California. The Basel Agreement on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal includes a procedure to address mixed and contaminated plastic waste from being sent to unverifiable and unaccountable operations in participating countries. As of January 1, 2021, tighter scrutiny on scrap plastic shipments will require the notification and consent of receiving countries prior to export.

Ratification of the Basel Agreement by the United States is incredibly important to help stem the tide of plastic wastes that are plaguing our lands, streams and rivers, lakes, bays, and the ocean. For these reasons, we strongly support the passage of AJR 4.

Thank you,



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