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Chair
Utilities and Commerce Committee

RE: AB 222 – Letter of Support

The Biomass Coordinating Council (BCC) of the American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE) and the 150 BCC members are committed to the sustainable use of biomass to produce biofuels, biopower, biothermal energy and biobased products.

The most sustainable forms of biomass are municipal organic waste streams readily used to very cost effectively produce co-generated electricity and thermal energy. In advancing renewable energy technologies to meet California's challenging goals, municipal organic wastes are the low hanging fruit. Additionally, waste to energy facilities are also fundamental to instilling an important ethic in society that highlights the reality that waste is simply a resource out of place. Every pound of municipal organic waste must be effectively utilized to reduce imported energy, save money, stabilize greenhouse gases and create needed jobs.

Today, we at the BCC and ACORE were briefed on City of Fresno's Green Street Scene. They are promoting a "Zero Waste Took Kit for Fresno." Converting their "organic residuals" to renewable energy would be a giant step forward in meeting their goals.

Sincerely,

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