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Mr. Anthony Adams
Assemblyman, 59th District
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Adams:

RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 222: BIOREFINERIES

The City of Glendale supports Assembly Bill 222 (AB 222) relating to biorefineries. Currently, State law (AB 939) requires cities and counties in California to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills and incinerators. If enacted, Assembly Bill 222 would correct scientifically flawed definitions within the California's Public Resources Code (PRC) which have dampened the development of conversion technologies, and establish a new category of industries, termed biorefineries, thereby leveling the playing field for the development of these facilities within California.

We hope that the passage of this bill will

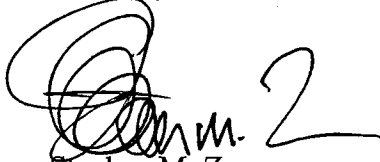
- Expand the beneficial use of California's waste streams, and in so doing, stimulate economic investment and provide high level green collar manufacturing jobs here at home, rather than exporting materials to the Far East, India and Nigeria, where essentially no environmental standards exist.
- Significantly reduce the life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions of biofuels and assist the State in reaching its AB 32 GHG reduction goals;
- Reduce statewide dependence on landfills and their associated methane production and waste transport costs;
- Provide alternatives to the open-field burning of agricultural residues and the agricultural land-spreading of biosolids;
- Promote energy independence and national security by enabling the in-state production of advanced biofuels, rather than importing petroleum from the Middle East or ethanol from the Midwest (one billion gallons in 2008);
- Reduce by up to 90% CO2 emissions from automobiles as compared to an energy-equivalent amount of gasoline.

At the City of Glendale's Scholl Canyon Landfill, space is at a premium, and disposal rates are estimated to increase. It is important that Glendale and other jurisdictions invest in landfill alternatives, such as **conversion technologies and biorefineries** that reduce disposal rates, generate jobs, and utilize abundant biomass and organic waste material in an environmentally beneficial manner. Developing such facilities in California has the potential to reduce the environmental impacts of solid waste management (including the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere), complement our recycling industry, and lessen our dependence on landfilling all while complying with strict environmental standards.

In late April 2009, the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee passed AB 222. We will monitor your bill as it is next presented to the Appropriations Committee and eventually considered before the full Senate. Please continue to lend full support to this important legislative proposal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 818-548-3900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M. Zurn", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Stephen M. Zurn
Director of Public Works

Cc: J.Takhtalian, City Manager's Office