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Via Facsimile

Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes  
Chair, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee  
State Capitol  
Room #5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB22

Dear Mr. Fuentes:

Interstate Waste Technologies applauds the efforts of everyone involved with authoring and supporting AB222.

Our company uses a high temperature gasification process to recycle waste into commercially useful products. We convert the energy content of waste into a clean, synthesis gas used to generate electricity. We divert 100% of the waste we process from landfills. Our process significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared to landfilling the same quantity of waste.

We were rated number one in technology studies prepared for the City of Los Angeles, a separate study for the County of Los Angeles and New York City by nationally recognized consulting engineering companies. We have been placed on four procurement shortlists for conversion technology projects in California; (1) the City of Los Angeles, (2) the County of Los Angeles, (3) Salinas Valley and (4) Santa Barbara. You can find about our company and technology on our website ([www.iwtonline.com](http://www.iwtonline.com)).

The potential for our company to construct renewable energy projects is gravely limited by California's current statutes and regulations. As you know, the California Energy Commission must verify renewable energy sources that may be used by electric utilities to satisfy their RPS requirements.

The Energy Commission, for the most part, determined that it was appropriate to define energy sources by fuel rather than technology. "Municipal solid waste" has been certified by the Commission as an eligible renewable resource. However, solid waste conversion facilities must meet an additional requirement under current law. Public Resources Code Section 25741 (b)(3)(a) states that, in order to qualify as a renewable energy source, "The technology does not