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The Honorable Anthony Adams  
State Capitol, Room 4015  
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**RE: AB 222 (Adams) – Support**

Dear Assembly Member Adams:

Sempra Energy is pleased to support AB 222, which proposes to update the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 to incorporate changes that will enable and expedite the production of advanced, non-food derived biofuels, green power, and other bio-based products from biomass.

According to the BioEnergy Producers Association, California's largest source of biomass is found in its municipal waste stream. Seventy to 75% of the more than 40 million tons of post-recycled urban waste that California places in landfills each year represents a tremendous untapped resource for the in-state production of biopower and biofuels. From this single source, clean, twenty-first century bio-refineries, now commercially available, could safely and efficiently produce some 2.7 billion gallons of advanced biofuels and 3,600 megawatts of power.

By providing a pathway for new investments in technologies to occur in California, while retaining California's stringent environmental protections, AB 222 can allow California to lead the nation in the establishment of advanced technology facilities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Howell", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

c: Members, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
Ms. Elizabeth Watson  
Mr. Ed Randolph  
Ms. Gina Adams  
Ms. Carolyn Ginno  
Mr. Daryl Thomas  
Mr. John Moffatt