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Rachel Palopoli  
Chairperson  
CA Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee

## Re: Definition of “recyclability” in AB 1158

Dear Chair Palopoli:

I would like to provide clarification regarding my intent for the definition of “recyclability” mentioned in AB 1158.

1. Section 42972(2a)e “Increase the recyclability of carpet.”

The ultimate goal of the carpet manufacturers should be to produce a product that minimizes toxic components, is easily deconstructed and all carpet layers can be safely recycled into materials with similar or higher material performance. The more recyclable carpets will be easier to collect, identify by resin type, prepare, and process in a cost-effective and energy-saving manner.

2. Section 42972(4) “Any grants or subsidies provided for the recycling of postconsumer carpet shall be structured to incentivize the recycling of carpet materials that have the highest recyclability.”

The grant and subsidy program in the stewardship plan would provide more subsidies to the products that have the highest recyclability (see definition above) so that the program incentivizes greener design and rewards producers who invest in research and technologies to develop and sell the most recyclable products.

If there are any additional questions or concerns, please get in touch with my office at (916) 319-2025.

Sincerely,

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