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Congressman Jared Huffman
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Dear Congressman Huffman,

The City of Arcata encourages you to support the passage of H.R. 1034, the Zero Waste Development and Expansion Act. The City is committed to promoting and accelerating the adoption of zero waste strategies and increasing public awareness about preventing and reducing waste. The City of Arcata recently developed a Zero Waste Action Plan, aimed at reducing the quantity and toxicity of waste generated in Arcata and increasing waste prevention, recycling and reuse practices among individuals and organizations. One of the implementation goals identified in our Plan is to "support State and Federal Legislation that results in waste reduction in rural communities and Arcata," and we feel this legislation would do exactly that.

We believe that the grant program established by this bill would help Arcata and other communities move toward a more sustainable economy and a healthier environment. Providing funds for infrastructure and technologies aimed at waste prevention, recycling and reuse would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create local jobs, and support local businesses in eliminating wasteful practices.

Supporting this legislation also supports the development of outreach activities and education programs to increase knowledge of zero waste practices among businesses, schools, community groups and citizens. Such valuable outreach and education would help foster a culture of zero waste, where the focus is shifted away from addressing the back-end of waste management and landfill diversion, to an up-front, environmentally sustainable approach to resource management and a greater understanding the life cycles of manufactured products.

The passage of H.R. 1034 has great potential to support communities striving to improve the long-range health of their environments and economies. We at the City of Arcata hope you will stand behind this legislation to move our nation forward towards wiser use of our limited resources.

Sincerely,

Mayor Susan Ornelas

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