



July 21, 2022

The Honorable Paul Tonko (D-NY)
Chairman
U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David McKinley (R-WV)
Ranking Member
U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

CC: Members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Dear Chairman Tonko and Ranking Member McKinley,

On behalf of the members of the Recycling Infrastructure Now (RIN) Coalition, we write to offer our strong support for the following legislative proposals to expand and improve domestic recycling and composting programs:

- H.R. 8183, the *Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act* to establish a pilot rural recycling program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would award competitive grants to eligible entities that improve recycling accessibility in underserved communities.
- H.R. 8059, the *Recycling and Composting Accountability Act* to improve data collection by requiring the EPA to collect, and make publicly available, data on recycling and composting rates across the country.

The RIN Coalition is actively working to serve as a catalyst for government, industry, environmental groups, and consumers to come together around innovative ideas to ensure discarded materials are collected and recycled into new, environmentally friendly products. Our focus is primarily on the need for the federal government to take a leadership role in helping states and local governments update and improve their recycling infrastructure.

The subcommittee's recent hearing on these two bills helped highlight the need for a bipartisan approach to creating a more circular domestic economy. While there is more work to be done to advance a 21st century recycling infrastructure here in the U.S., these bills represent an important step, and we look forward to their swift passage in the House.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing policies that will improve recycling rates in all communities across the United States.

Sincerely,

The Food Industry Association

American Beverage

The Aluminum Association

International Bottled Water Association

Glass Packing Institute

Closed Loop Partners

The Recycling Partnership

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Yum! Brands

Sazerac Company

Restaurant Brands International

National Restaurant Association

Foodservice Packaging Institute

Consumer Brands Association