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August 19, 2008

The Honorable Tom Berryhill
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4116
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 844 (Berryhill) Junk dealers and recyclers: nonferrous material**

Dear Assemblyman Berryhill:

On behalf of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors it is my privilege to inform you that on this date, our Board voted to support your AB 844.

The theft of nonferrous metal has a direct and immediate impact on our local agricultural and construction industries. The work, time and cost that is necessary to replace the stolen metal, and repair the associated damage, only further impacts our county's economy. The potential threat to public safety, through the loss of phone lines, electricity and even the brass couplings on fire hydrants, confirms the need to address the problem immediately.

El Dorado County applauds your efforts to bring forward legislative change that will provide local law enforcement with the ability to effectively investigate the theft of nonferrous metals.

Sincerely,

RUSTY DUPRAY
Chairman
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Dave Cox, California State Senate
The Honorable Ted Gaines, California State Assembly
The Honorable Alan Nakanishi, California State Assembly
Don Peterson, Peterson Consulting, Inc.