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September 14, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 619 (Laird) Organic waste: reduction regulations  
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) I write to request your signature on SB 619 (Laird) which would give local governments a pathway to compliance with SB 1383 (2016), and subsequent CalRecycle’s regulations, without the fear of onerous penalties for one year.

California Counties have been working diligently to comply with the various requirements of SB 1383, including updating franchise hauling contracts, creating a new exclusive commercial franchise, developing a generator ordinance, and expanding the existing food donation program. SB 619, combined with funding provided in AB/SB 170, the Budget Bill, Jr., will move counties and our partners closer to reaching the goals of SB 1383.

For the reasons stated above, CSAC supports SB 619 and requests your signature on the measure. Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information about our position.

Sincerely,

Catherine Freeman  
Legislative Representative  
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CC: The Honorable John Laird, California State Senate