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The Honorable Anna Caballero

Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

State Capitol, 412

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2311 (Bennett) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Caballero:

On behalf of [Organization], I write in support of AB 2311, which would expand CalRecycle’s Organics Grant Program to provide financial assistance for the recovery of edible food.

SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) requires the state, by 2025, to recover 20% of edible food for human consumption that would otherwise be disposed of. SB 1383 requires that each jurisdiction in California implement an edible food recovery program to mitigate the high rates of food insecurity in the state and support green jobs. Expanding funding opportunities for edible food recovery infrastructure is extremely important to ensure we support local jurisdictions in achieving these diversion targets, especially in rural and underserved areas of the state.

AB 2311 will expand the eligibility of the Organics Grant Program to cover projects including the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology or software that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery. Edible food recovery is not only extremely important as Californians continue to struggle with food insecurity, but these projects are also vital for keeping organics out of landfills and reducing harmful pollutants such as methane. For these reasons, [Organization] is in strong support AB 2311.

Sincerely,

Signature