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To: The Honorable Jules Bailey, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Vic Gilliam, Co-Chair  
Members, Oregon House Energy, Environment & Water Committee

From: Tim Shestek, Senior Director  
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Re: **HB 4081 - Relating to waste plastics- SUPPORT**

The American Chemistry Council (ACC), a national trade association representing the world's leading chemical and plastics manufacturers supports HB 4081, legislation that will help increase the amount of waste plastics material diverted from landfill disposal.

Since 1990, plastic recycling rates have increased in the United States. The growing availability of recycled plastics material has helped create new jobs and innovative new products made from recycled plastic. Nevertheless, it is not currently economically feasible to recycle all types of plastics, especially heavily contaminated plastics and multi-layer packaging.

The intent of HB 4081 is to help foster the further development of technologies that can help fill in the gap of plastic products that are not currently recycled. ACC believes this legislation could help increase the amount of non-recycled plastics being captured and converted into new products and materials and bring a level of regulatory certainty and clarity for Oregon based companies engaged in this type of material processing.

Keep in mind that this technology is not intended to replace traditional recycling of plastic packaging such as plastic bottles, non-bottle rigid containers and polyethylene bags and film. Rather, plastics-to-oil technology will rely largely on non-recycled plastics such as food service contaminated products, dirty film and wraps, labels and other landfill-bound plastics for which mechanical recycling may not be cost or environmentally efficient.

ACC urges you to support HB 4081, which will propel Oregon to the forefront in recycling innovation by demonstrating the role that plastics to oil technology can play in increasing landfill diversion.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916 448-2581 or Matt Markee at 503-378-0412.

