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To: Senator Chris Edwards, Co-Chair
Representative Ben Unger, Co-Chair
Members of the Joint Ways & Means Natural Resources Sub-Committee

From: Rick Winterhalter, Board Chair

RE: SB 5520, Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Management Program Budget

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is a not-for-profit coalition of individuals, governments, not-for-profit organizations and businesses committed to encouraging waste prevention and recycling in Oregon.

We respectfully ask for your support of the DEQ Solid Waste Management Program. This program is critical in fulfilling many of AOR's recycling and waste prevention goals; including the recycling of electronic waste and fluorescent lighting, the continued stewardship of Oregon's bottle bill and building the public's awareness of the environmental impacts of waste. AOR members also rely on DEQ for technical expertise and experienced policy development to assist each of us in our materials management projects. We believe the Governor's 2013-15 Recommended Budget (GRB) helps maintain efforts to curb waste products from unnecessarily entering Oregon's waste stream and littering our landscape.

AOR urges your support of the Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Management Program as reflected in the Governor's Recommended Budget.

