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Dear Co-Chair Devlin and Co-Chair Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is a trade association focused on advancing waste prevention and recycling in Oregon. AOR supports the Department of Environmental Quality's Land Quality Policy Option Package 132.

Policy Option Package 132 will enable DEQ to make progress toward implementing *Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action*, adopted by Oregon Environmental Quality Commission in 2012. AOR members have played a key role in the development and implementation of the *2050 Vision and Framework for Action*, participating in workgroups and providing ongoing feedback over a multi-year effort.

Policy Option Package 132 will authorize DEQ to use additional fee revenue from permit and tip fees to fund seven existing, unfunded positions. These positions will focus on high-priority projects to improve waste management and recycling systems, assist businesses, reduce toxins, and prevent waste. Many of these projects will benefit local governments through restored and enhanced programs and grants for household hazardous waste collection, waste prevention and reuse, recycling, composting and waste recovery.

AOR is committed to achieving a system of sustainable materials management and supports this policy option package as an important next step. AOR supports Policy Option Package 232 and urges your support.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Association of Oregon Recyclers

