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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair

Dear Chair Dembrow and Senators Olsen, Baertschiger, Prozanski, and Roblan:

Recycling Advocates' Board and membership would like to convey our support for SB 199, legislation creating a structure for and implementation of extended producer responsibility for household hazardous waste.

Providing safe and environmentally sound disposal for these wastes is a necessity. For decades these services have been provided and paid for by the local governments that can afford them. This legislation wisely requires the manufacturers to take responsibility for these procedures, extending the services throughout the state.

The structure of this extended producer responsibility program has been tested in Oregon and other states and has proven to be a successful model. The Oregon E-Cycles program operates using this outline. It sets the outcome requirements and allows the manufacturers to create the methodology to meet those standards.

SB199 also adds these collection services throughout the state, giving all Oregonians the opportunity to keep these hazardous materials out of the landfill and into proper hands.

Best Regards,

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