



June 13, 2016

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 2153 (Garcia) – Lead-Acid Battery Recovery and Recycling Act –
SUPPORT IN CONCEPT**

Dear Chair Wieckowski:

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a non-profit organization which formed in 2006 and is comprised of local governments and their associations, businesses, and the general public. CPSC works with product manufacturers and partners to encourage a producer responsibility approach to product management. This public policy approach, known as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), is a useful tool when dealing with hard-to-handle products or products the State has banned for disposal in the garbage. EPR is also a vital component of the State's hazardous waste reduction strategy as outlined in the CalRecycle [AB 341 Report to the Legislatureⁱ](#).

Lead acid batteries are found in a multitude of consumer products and require special handling and management which is expensive. We support **AB 2153** and working on a holistic solution for all lead acid batteries to be properly managed in the State of California and have a sustainable funding source. CPSC appreciates Assemblymember Garcia's staff for reaching out to us early in this process and we look forward to continuing to work with them and other stakeholders on the finer details of the bill throughout the session. We are particularly interested in protecting the Green Chemistry program and that issue has yet to be resolved.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Heidi Sanborn at 916-402-3911.

Sincerely,

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ⁱ AB 341 Report to the Legislature, CalRecycle, August 2015