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Bryan Ukena, CEO
Recycle Ann Arbor
2420 S. Industrial Highway
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Dear Bryan,

On behalf of the Michigan Recycling Coalition that represents hundreds of recycling and composting members across Michigan, I am pleased to support Recycle Ann Arbor's (RAA) proposal to re-establish recycling processing capacity in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. As you know, there has been a serious shortage of Material Recovery Facility capacity in southeast Michigan, and this has in part led to Michigan's underperformance in material recovery.

With new mills and domestic capacity being developed across the country and here in the Midwest, the long-term prognosis for recycling is strong, and it makes sense for Ann Arbor to be a regional player as recycling reboots. The demand for regional recycling services in Washtenaw County is real, and new capacity will help all of the region's players—for-profit, non-profit, institutional and governmental meet the demand for services.

RAA started curbside recycling in Michigan. RAA and the Ecology Center had one of the first public recycling drop-off stations in the state. RAA has inspired countless non-profits and local units of government in their own recovery efforts and has been a pioneering leader on reuse and construction/demolition waste recovery. We enthusiastically support their efforts in adding recycling capacity and insuring recyclables find their highest and best use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kerrin O'Brien'.

Kerrin O'Brien
Executive Director