



November 24, 2020

Governor Tom Wolf
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: House Bill 1808 – Advanced Recycling

Dear Governor Wolf,

We are writing to request your support for House Bill 1808. The legislation is important to local businesses and citizens because it helps provide regulatory certainty for advanced recycling processes and create a more circular economy for plastics in Pennsylvania.

We represent companies with operations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing thousands of jobs and tax revenue. We strongly encourage you to sign this important bill into law. As background, advanced recycling refers to several different technologies that convert post-use plastics into their original chemical building blocks for the production of new plastics, waxes and other products.

Plastics contribute to sustainability via sanitary packaging that reduces food spoilage, help lightweight automobiles and enable more energy efficient buildings and homes. However, we need to do a better job of recycling and recovering plastics after use as only 8.5% of plastics are currently recycled each year according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Advanced recycling technologies can process plastics that do not have strong end markets, thus enabling a more circular economy for plastics.

In addition to benefiting the environment, advanced recycling provides important economic benefits. According to the American Chemistry Council, converting just 25 percent of the recoverable post-use plastics in Pennsylvania could support ten advanced recycling manufacturing facilities, resulting in \$314 million in new economic output annually. And, while this technology may be new to Pennsylvania, across the country, private companies are already manufacturing post-use plastics at a commercial scale into a versatile mix of valuable new products.

Advanced recycling is an important part of the solution to a global and domestic challenge of sustainably managing our plastics after use. We respectfully request your support for House Bill 1808. Please feel free to contact Joshua Baca joshua_baca@americanchemistry.com at the American Chemistry Council if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

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