



June 28, 2022

The Honorable Paul Tonko
United States House of Representatives
2369 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David B. McKinley
United States House of Representatives
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
United States House of Representatives
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Tonko, McKinley, Pallone, and McMorris Rodgers,

On behalf of the Aluminum Association and its member companies, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 8059, "*The Recycling and Composting Accountability Act*," introduced by Representative Joe Neguse (Colo.-02).

The Aluminum Association represents the U.S. aluminum industry across the entire value chain. Recycling, or secondary production, is a critical part of that value chain with 80% of U.S. production today coming from recycled aluminum. Aluminum is the most profitable item in the recycling bin and often makes the collection of less-valuable materials possible. While aluminum cans are recycled at far higher rates than glass or plastic, these rates have fallen below 50% in recent years. In industrial markets, aluminum recycling rates remain over 90%.

The *Recycling and Composting Accountability Act* will provide a comprehensive and uniform dataset on material recovery facilities that will allow for the targeting of future investments in our nation's recycling system. Having more information about the facilities, what type of aluminum products they accept, and material diversion from the circular economy can often make the difference in saving our critical feedstock from landfills.

We appreciate the leadership you have shown in considering this bipartisan, bicameral legislation and welcome the opportunity to assist you in advancing these priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gum Hamisevicz
Vice President Government Relations & International Programs
The Aluminum Association