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Chairman Paul Tonko
Energy & Commerce Committee
Environment & Climate Change Subcommittee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member David McKinley
Energy & Commerce Committee
Environment & Climate Change Subcommittee
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Tonko and Ranking Member McKinley,

I am writing on behalf of Ball Corporation in support of recycling and environmental protection bills currently under consideration by the Committee, specifically: the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act (H.R. 8059), and the Recycling Infrastructure Accessibility Act of 2022 (H.R. 8183).

Ball Corporation, headquartered in Broomfield, Colorado, is the largest manufacturer of aluminum beverage cans in the world. Founded in 1880, Ball supplies sustainable aluminum packaging for beverage and personal care containers, as well as for aerospace applications and other technologies. Today, Ball employs over 21,500 people worldwide.

Even though 75 percent of all the aluminum ever produced is still in use today due to recycling, more than 50 billion cans made of usable aluminum, worth approximately \$1.0 billion, are thrown away and end up in landfills every year.

We believe that the free market and government working together to make recycling more efficient and effective would benefit the American people in a number of ways, not only reducing litter and waste, but also creating jobs and spurring economic growth. Demand is growing in the U.S. for aluminum and other recyclable materials, and it's critical for our long-term security that we recycle more at home, so we're less dependent on imports from foreign countries like China for essential manufacturing inputs.

Ball supports the bipartisan Recycling and Composting Accountability Act introduced by Reps. Joe Neguse, Tim Burchett and Bill Foster. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cannot meaningfully improve national recycling infrastructure without accurate, reliable data. The Recycling and Composting Accountability Act will enhance the agency's data collection efforts, and

the resulting report will assist Congressional efforts to develop an effective national waste management strategy.

We also support the Recycling infrastructure Accessibility Act, as the provisions included will be instrumental in addressing recycling accessibility in underserved communities. The bill's grant program will allow rural communities to develop a hub-and-spoke model of recycling, greatly increasing their ability to recycle in residential areas. Without substantial development of recycling programs throughout the country, underserved communities will continue to be at a significant disadvantage in this space.

Today, the U.S. recycles just 38 percent of aluminum cans. But we believe these bills will help increase the U.S. recycling rate for aluminum in ways that benefit the American people and our economy, and are grateful to the Committee for holding a hearing on these important pieces of legislation. We are encouraged by congressional efforts to build out the recycling industry in the United States. If we can be of assistance in this or any future endeavors in recycling legislation, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Campbell" clearly legible.

John Campbell
Vice President of Government Relations
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