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Gabriel Hydrick Chief Administrator

To the CalRecycle RIG3 Grant Review Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Tehama Conservation Fund's application to the Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program (RIG3). Their proposal to install reverse vending machines (RVMs) at rural retail locations throughout Tehama County is a timely and impactful initiative that will significantly expand access to California Redemption Value (CRV) recycling services in underserved communities.

Rural residents often face barriers to recycling, including long travel distances to redemption centers and limited local infrastructure. By placing RVMs at familiar, high-traffic retail stores, Tehama Conservation Fund is meeting people where they are—making recycling more convenient, accessible, and equitable. This approach not only encourages greater participation in the CRV program but also reduces litter, promotes environmental stewardship, and supports local businesses.

Tehama Conservation Fund has a strong reputation for community engagement, environmental leadership, and operational integrity. Their thoughtful implementation plan includes outreach to store owners, public education, and ongoing maintenance to ensure the machines remain effective and user-friendly.

We are confident that this project will deliver measurable environmental benefits and serve as a scalable model for other rural regions across California. We wholeheartedly endorse their application and urge CalRecycle to support this innovative and community-driven proposal.

Sincerely,

Board of Supervisors, Chairman, Matt Hansen