



ENVIRONMENTAL
— JUSTICE LEAGUE —

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

**RE: Request for Signature
Assembly Bill 1857 (Cristina Garcia) - Solid Waste**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the California Environmental Justice League, I write to respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 1857. This measure is long overdue in repealing a provision of law allowing local governments to receive recycling credit for the burning or incineration of solid waste. It may have been appropriate in 1989 when the provision was enacted, but since then, California has developed a robust recycling infrastructure to facilitate waste disposal alternatives to burning, and our scientific awareness of the harm that burning inflicts on our air quality has significantly increased.

It is appropriate to strike from the law a provision that we know will frustrate our efforts at decarbonization and the ongoing struggle to improve air quality while combatting global warming. From a fiscal standpoint, failing to do so will undermine the significant state expenditures for production of zero emissions vehicles and the reduction of diesel emissions. For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,

Tim Cromartie
Policy Director

