

Wisconsin Council on Recycling

To: Governor Tony Evers, Members of the State Assembly and State Senate

From: Wisconsin Council on Recycling

Date: December 12, 2025

RE: Recycling and Resource Recovery Legislation

The Council on Recycling is writing to express its support for recently proposed legislation that will have a positive impact on recycling and resource recovery in the state of Wisconsin. At the December 5th, 2025, Council on Recycling meeting the Council voted to support the following bills:

- **Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713, the recently proposed legislation regarding the creation of battery stewardship organizations to administer battery collection and recycling programs for covered batteries.**

The Council on Recycling supports this legislation as a positive step towards improving the safe collection, management and recycling of used batteries in the state of Wisconsin. The Council supports the intent of the bill to establish a framework that will reduce the risk of battery-related fires and damage to vital waste infrastructure while helping to conserve valuable resources.

The Council noted that alkaline batteries (the most common household battery type) are excluded from the bill though they are included in similar legislation in other states.

Recycling is something that has broad support from citizens, business and nonprofits across Wisconsin helping to protect our environment while supplying recycled feedstock to paper mills and other businesses to grow our economy.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's input regarding these important pieces of legislation.

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The Wisconsin Council on Recycling, authorized in s. 287.22, Wis. Stats., is a citizens group, appointed by the governor, to advise the governor, Legislature and state agencies on solid waste reduction, recovery and recycling policy. Current members include individuals representing industry, business, non-profit organizations and local units of government.