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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis, Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade  
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chair  
House Energy and Commerce Committee

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member  
House Energy and Commerce Committee

**Re: Opposition to the PACK Act (H.R. 6832) and Recycled Materials Attribution Act (H.R. 7502)**

Dear Chairman Bilirakis, Ranking Member Schakowsky, and Members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of the Alliance for Mission-Based Recycling (AMBR), a national coalition of community-based recyclers, we write to urge the Subcommittee to oppose the PACK Act (H.R. 6832) and the Recycled Materials Attribution Act (H.R. 7502).

**Recycling is part of America's manufacturing infrastructure.** Recycling facilities across the country collect and process paper, plastics, metals, glass, and other materials that manufacturers use as raw materials to make new products. This domestic supply chain supports American jobs and regional economies, keeps valuable resources in the U.S. economy, and reduces reliance on imported and virgin raw materials.

A strong recycling economy depends on materials entering recycling facilities that can actually be recycled and reliable demand from manufacturers for the materials those facilities produce. **The PACK Act and RMAA threaten both ends of that supply**

**chain, potentially increasing costs for local recycling programs while weakening markets for American recycled materials.**

**The Recycled Materials Attribution Act would weaken demand for American recycled materials.**

Strong recycled-content policies create reliable demand for recycled materials, supporting investment in collection, processing, infrastructure, and domestic manufacturing.

H.R. 7502 would weaken that connection by allowing companies to make recycled-content claims that are not tied to the amount of recycled material actually used in a particular product. If recycled-content goals can be met through accounting rather than increased use of recycled materials, manufacturers have less incentive to purchase the materials American recyclers produce.

The RMAA also expands the definition of recycling to include technologies regardless of how much material they actually return to manufacturing. Federal recycling policy should support systems that produce usable raw materials for manufacturing, not processes that primarily produce fuels or other non-recycled outputs.

**The PACK Act would increase recycling costs while making it harder to produce the materials American manufacturers need.**

A recyclable package should be one that can actually be collected, sorted, processed at scale, and sold to manufacturers as a usable raw material. H.R. 6832 could allow packaging to be labeled recyclable without adequately considering whether the infrastructure and markets exist to actually recycle it.

When packaging enters recycling programs but cannot effectively be recycled, the costs do not disappear. **They fall on recycling facilities, local governments, and ultimately the communities and ratepayers that fund recycling programs.**

Difficult-to-recycle packaging increases contamination and operating costs while reducing the quality and value of the recycled materials American manufacturers rely on.

Strong recyclability standards encourage producers to design packaging that works within recycling systems. The PACK Act would weaken those incentives while overriding stronger state standards that are already driving improvements and investment in recycling infrastructure and markets.

**Congress should strengthen America's recycling and manufacturing supply chain.**

Federal policy should help capture more valuable materials here at home, invest in the infrastructure needed to process them, and create strong markets for those materials in American manufacturing.

As the Subcommittee considers these bills, we urge members to ask a straightforward question: **Will these policies strengthen American manufacturing and domestic supply chains, lower costs for communities and consumers, and make the U.S. economy more competitive?**

The PACK Act and Recycled Materials Attribution Act fail that test. AMBR urges the Subcommittee to oppose H.R. 6832 and H.R. 7502.

Sincerely,

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