

June 3, 2008

The Honorable Tom Berryhill  
State Capitol, Room 4116  
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RE: **AB 844 (Berryhill and Maze) Junk Dealers and Recyclers: nonferrous material  
Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Berryhill:

The Albany City Council supports AB 844, which will require that junk dealers and recyclers comply with additional recordkeeping and identification procedures to ensure that they are not purchasing stolen scrap metal.

In recent years, scrap metal theft has become an increasing public safety issue for Albany. We have had many metal items such as platinum-laced catalytic converters and copper piping stolen in our community. Even when we are able to spot and stop people in the possession of such metals, without being able to quickly locate a victim, we cannot make an arrest.

AB 844 will assist in reducing local public safety concerns by requiring additional identification of consumers who recycle scrap metals, requiring a three-day delay in payment to consumers, and allowing cities to go beyond state law when they feel the local public safety needs warrant a stronger ordinance to prevent these thefts.

For these reasons, the City of Albany supports AB 844.

Sincerely,

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