

Testimony of the American Chemistry Council
HB 22-1159 – Waste Diversion and Circular Economy Development Center
Colorado Senate Finance Committee
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The American Chemistry Council (ACC) offers the following written testimony in support of HB 22-1159. ACC has been supportive of HB 22-1159 throughout the process and urges members to pass this bill out of committee.

ACC membership includes raw material suppliers and many leading manufacturers of plastics foodservice packaging products. As we have testified in prior hearings, ACC and its member companies support a variety of policies that aim to reduce plastic waste in the environment, increase the collection and processing of plastic material and create new market demand for recovered plastics. We have established industry targets that 100% of plastic packaging be recyclable or recoverable by 2030 and that plastic packaging contain a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled material by that same date.

With the state's recycling rate at about 15%, Colorado needs to be looking at how to best create and incentivize markets for collected materials and what can be done to increase the use of post-consumer material in the production of new products. We believe that HB 22-1159 will not only help grow existing markets in Colorado but will also assist in the creation of new markets to help provide for a more circular economy for recycled materials in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments in support of HB 22-1159. Should you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Stovall at 916-448-2581.