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USEPA Administrator Scott Pruitt
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Invitation to Speak

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

On behalf of the Carolina Recycling Association I invite you to address our annual conference next month. The CRA brings together over 500 material management professionals, both public and private, who will be very interested in your direction for the USEPA. The CRA is one of the largest and oldest annual conferences on recycling in the country. You will be able to address leaders for the industry.

We invite you to address the conference in the opening session, March 28 at 1:00. Should that time not be the best for your schedule, we can make arrangements for later that day or anytime the following day. The conference is at the Kingston Plantation, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It is a beautiful location.

Recycling has a significant economic impact in the Carolinas and the Southeast. Recent work performed by my organization, the Southeast Recycling Development Council, identified 362 Southeastern manufacturers who rely upon recycled feedstock to develop new consumer goods. These manufacturing plants employ over 90,000 people and generate over $40 Billion annually in sales. The energy saving efficiencies in using recycled material in manufacturing provide a cost savings that gives these southern facilities a competitive edge in the global market. This advantage has been shown to effectively create jobs, even in the worst of times. From 2008 to 2010, recycling jobs in North Carolina increased five percent while the state and the country suffered the deepest recession of our lifetime. Recovered material is supporting our economy, yet we still see businesses and local governments in Tennessee and the Carolinas spend $89 million to dispose commodities with a market value of $335 million.

We hope you will be able to share with us the direction of the agency so that we may best support those efforts and material management in the years to come.

Will Sagar, SERDC Executive Director

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