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Dear Senator Schoesler,

On behalf of Asotin County, I am writing to you today in support of SHB 1364 – the Washington Small Rechargeable Battery Stewardship Act and to provide recognition for Call2Recycle[®], the no-cost rechargeable battery recycling solution.

Asotin County is one of 54 local jurisdictions in Washington that relies on Call2Recycle to properly recycle rechargeable batteries collected from residents. Over the years, through Call2Recycle, we have collected and recycled hundreds of pounds of rechargeable batteries from the citizens of Asotin County – thus keeping this potential toxic waste out of our local landfills.

Call2Recycle has provided us with a no-cost recycling outlet for the batteries collected from our citizens. The turnkey design of the program is such that minimal time is required for our personnel to manage it thus saving us time and money. Call2Recycle provides the collection kits, marketing materials and covers the costs of transportation and processing of batteries collected at our facilities. In addition, Call2Recycle provides convenient battery drop-off sites at many retail stores throughout our communities. Easy access to battery drop-off sites increases customer participation and boosts recycling efforts. The Call2Recycle program is truly a model for product stewardship programs and remains a lynchpin for battery recycling across the state.

The Washington Small Rechargeable Battery Stewardship Act is good for consumers, good for the environment, and good for participating local governments, retailers and other businesses. The passage of this bill is imperative to the continued success of programs like Call2Recycle. This bill formalizes proper end-of-life disposal of rechargeable batteries and includes enforcement provisions to ensure that all battery manufacturers participate in a stewardship program so that the battery recycling program can be sustained.

Please accept this letter as formal recognition of the true value that Call2Recycle provides to Asotin County. We respectfully urge your support of SHB 1364 – the Washington Small Rechargeable Battery Stewardship Act to maintain a successful, convenient and safe collection program for rechargeable batteries for the benefit of Washington’s residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Lynch", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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