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Senator Don Benton  
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Dear Senator Benton,

I am writing you today in support of HB 1364 – the Washington Small Rechargeable Battery Stewardship Act – which the Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications will hear on Wednesday, March 20th.

For many years the members of Call2Recycle (a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping these toxic materials out of our landfills) have funded a system to collect and recycle rechargeable batteries. The program benefits the residents of Vancouver by providing free, convenient drop off locations at retail stores and collects hundreds of pounds of potentially toxic rechargeable batteries a year. It is a good example of product stewardship.

The continued pursuit and development of product stewardship programs is a proposed goal identified during the process to update the regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the City of Vancouver and Clark County. Product Stewardship is an important tool to address environmental impacts from the perspectives of production, consumption and end-of-life management of products through design, development and product launch.

The bill before your Committee ensures that all battery manufacturers contribute to the effort to divert batteries from landfills and provide for an affordable, easily accessible collection and recycling system for the consumer. We urge your support of this bill. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Carlson', is written over the 'Sincerely,' text.

Brian Carlson, P.E.  
Public Works Director  
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