



POSITION

To WM, the most effective way to strengthen recycling is to prioritize the development of reliable end markets for all recycled materials, therefore increasing the materials that are manufactured into new products and packages.

WM supports efforts to improve and/or maintain the demand for recycling through post-consumer recycled content legislation, funding for recycling education and outreach, and incentivizing consumers to purchase products made from recycled materials.

At this time, we believe these efforts can be more effective in strengthening recycling than some of the current Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation, and we encourage governmental entities to recognize and/or implement these primary considerations first.

Accordingly, WM's position on EPR legislation is as follows:

WM may support brand-funded approaches to aid recycling through EPR programs that leverage the existing recycling infrastructure and recognize industry infrastructure investments, while maintaining local control and protecting contracts/franchises for recycling collection and processing.

The recycling industry has invested billions of dollars in trucks, carts and recycling facilities; we encourage utilizing these existing facilities and assets, which typically have capacity for additional material, to incentivize the industry to continue to make recycling improvements. Maintaining local control, existing infrastructure, existing municipal contracts and franchises also allows recycling companies and producers to focus on core capabilities while increasing innovation through mutually beneficial collaboration.

