



April 5, 2026

Honorable Isaac G. Bryan
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 1640
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2559 (Ward) – Council of Infill Builders – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Bryan,

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders (CIB), I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 2559 (Ward), which provides clarity and fairness in the administration of refundable construction and demolition (C&D) debris diversion deposits.

CIB is a statewide organization representing infill housing developers committed to advancing sustainable, transit-oriented, and climate-resilient communities across California. Our members regularly work within local C&D diversion programs designed to implement the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), and we strongly support the intent behind these requirements.

In practice, there is a misalignment between when compliance documentation is finalized and when jurisdictions require applicants to request a refund. In many cases, refund deadlines are tied to final inspection, while documentation—such as recycling receipts and hauler reports—is typically compiled afterward. As a result, a project may fully comply with all diversion requirements, yet still forfeit the deposit if the refund request is not submitted within the prescribed timeline. This is not an issue of noncompliance—it is an issue of timing and administrative process.

AB 2559 provides a clear and reasonable solution by ensuring that deposits are returned when compliance is demonstrated within five years of final inspection. The bill preserves local authority and maintains the integrity of diversion programs, while aligning outcomes with intent—ensuring that those who meet the standards are treated fairly.

For these reasons, the Council of Infill Builders respectfully urges your support.

Sincerely,

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Meea Kang
Chairman of the Board