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Pomona Planning Commission
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RE: OPPOSE BAN ON METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES

To: City of Pomona Planning Commissioners:

California is home to approximately 3,000 metalworking facilities, employing over 100,000 Californians with middle-class manufacturing jobs and health benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities.

California metal manufacturers use recycled metal (ex: aluminum, brass, iron and steel) to make parts for clean energy technologies, electric cars, biotech apparatuses, medical devices, aerospace products, national defense items, agriculture, infrastructure, construction machinery, household appliances, food processing and storage, movement of water, and millions of other products demanded by society.

Californians discard enough aluminum *each day* to build 5 commercial aircrafts. In fact, Los Angeles County is arguably the largest generator of metal scrap in the nation. It is critical to our society and environment to recycle metals locally. It is equally important to promote responsible metal manufacturing facilities that continue to invest in best management practices or pollution control equipment.

CMC opposes a ban on local metal recycling. We also express deep concerns with restricting current metal recycling operators. Thank you for your leadership as we find solutions that meet California's environmental goals and allow the most advanced metalworking companies and jobs to prosper.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director