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The Honorable Bill Dodd
Chair, Senate Committee on Governmental Organization
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 661 (Bennett) Recycling: Materials – As Amended on June 8, 2022 -SUPPORT

Dear Chair Dodd:

California is home to approximately 4,000 advanced metal manufacturing facilities, employing over 315,000 Californians. The average industry salary is \$80,000/year. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities. **A job in the metal manufacturing sector is often the only path to the middle class for many of these Californians.**

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

Recycling is vital for cleaning the environment, conserving resources, saving energy and reducing the amount of waste in California's landfills. **AB 661 will increase the effectiveness of the State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) program**, including removing the requirement to purchase only when available at the same or lesser total cost than non-recycled products. Additionally, this bill would require annual training; the revision of product categories and minimum content percentages; better recyclability requirements that would be updated every three years; and would provide clarification that SABRC includes service contracts where the contractor is purchasing reportable recycled products in the performance of the service contract.

For these reasons, the California Metals Coalition respectfully requests your AYE vote when AB 661 is presented in your committee. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like further information, or you may contact CMC's Legislative Advocate Lori Kammerer at LoriKammerer@gmail.com or cell (916) 716-5674.

Sincerely,

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