

Dear WUTC,

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) is writing in support of proposed WUTC rule WAC 480-70-361, Availability of Information (Docket No. TG-990161).

A notable recent decline in the Washington State recycling rate has caused significant concern among the state's recyclers. The investments made in developing recycling collection, processing and end-use infrastructure will be placed in jeopardy without ongoing encouragement of public participation in recycling.

It is the experience of many of our members that consistent public notification regarding the opportunities to recycle does result in positive improvements in public participation and increased recycling volumes. We encourage WUTC to work in partnership with recycling haulers to ensure effective communication with the public about available recycling opportunities.

In the last several years, notification of recycling opportunities has shown a sharp decline and, in fact, the WSRA office frequently receives telephone calls from customers of recycling service providers who are unaware of service availability. Required notification on an annual basis will help revive the state's leadership in recycling, protect industry's investment in recycling, and be responsive to the public's need to know about their available recycling opportunities.

Sincerely,

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