



116th CONGRESS

FEDERAL RECYCLING LEGISLATION

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Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI)

- **China**
- **Marine Plastics**
- **Media Attention - Recycling is Broken**
- **EPA & Congress**
- **COVID-19**

- **America Recycles Day**
 - **Recycling Summit**
 - **Challenge & Commitment**
 - **Exhibition**
- **National Recycling Strategy**
- **Public Service Advisories (COVID-19)**
- **SoS 1.0 White House Signing Ceremony**

- **CISA creates ‘essential’ categories**
 - **Solid waste management**
 - **Manufacturing supply chains**

- **Addressed residential recycling and plastics**
 - **Recycling has multiple sectors**
 - **Multiple “pressure points” in the residential systems**
 - **Markets are vital**
 - **Citizen education is key**
 - **Improved quality**
 - **Markets**
 - **Consistent supplies for manufacturing**

RECYCLE Act (S.2941/H.R. 5906)

Authors:

- Senators Rob Portman, Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
- Representatives Dean Phillips (D-MN) and Dave Joyce (R-OH)
- Key Components:
 - Provides \$75M to EPA for public education and awareness regarding residential recycling. (ISRI was instrumental in developing this bill)
- *Bi-partisan with no opposition*

RECOVER Act (H.R. 5115)

Authors

- Representatives Raul Cardenas (D-CA) and Larry Buschon (R-IN)
- Key Components:
 - \$500 Million for residential recycling collection & processing infrastructure
 - No market development for collected/processed materials
 - Little focus on public awareness and education to prevent contamination
 - Environmental and much of manufacturing community opposes
- Bi-partisan, no Senate companion

Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act (S.4510/H.R. 5845)

- Authors:
 - Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)
- Key Components:
 - Bans plastic bags, establishes deposit fees and extended producer responsibility
 - Contains unrealistic goals such as 100% recycled content (for plastic bags that would be banned) and mandatory 100% collection rates
- *No Republican support in either Chamber*

Save our Seas Act 2.0 (S.1982/H.R.3508)

- Authors:
 - Senators Dan Sullivan (R-AL), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) S.1982 and Suzanne Bonamici and Don Young (R-AK)
- Key Components:
 - Global approach
 - Marine Foundation
 - Domestic infrastructure to prevent marine plastics
 - Reports to Congress
 - Bi-partisan with no opposition
 - Passed Senate and House: needs conference