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Secretary Alice Hur,

I am writing in support of San Francisco Environment Department's request to increase by \$3 million the amount they receive from Recology to fund our City's voter-mandated Zero Waste goals.

The Department of the Environment is asking for a modest increase of \$3M to help establish new repair, recovery, and reuse programs; enhance existing efforts to reduce battery fires and toxics; and support public and school education specifically designed to facilitate waste generation reduction and reduce landfill disposal

SFE must be properly funded to achieve our goals. Proposition F, passed by the voters in 2022, requires that the rates charged by the refuse service be just and reasonable, and also must be adequate to meet the City's environmental goals. SFE's work so far in reducing waste has been exceptional - the three-bin waste system has been extremely successful, and has been copied worldwide. Yet more needs to be done to reduce waste, deal with toxics, and to fund greater efforts to separate, recover and reuse refuse, including batteries and other e-waste.

We must reduce the methane emitted from landfill; we know it is a potent greenhouse gas. We must properly deal with the wide variety of toxic materials that are produced so that we do not continue to foul the planet and damage life. If we can reclaim some of the rare earth elements, we can reduce the damage from mining. SFE has proved very effective in helping to inform the public and promote these goals.

I ask that you fully support the request for \$3 million, please support repair, repair clinics, cleaner vehicles, battery and medication take back programs need better public education.  
Thank you, Kathryn

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