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*Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development Written Testimony  
Support Bill SB 2044*

Dear Chairman Birdwell and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development,

The business community in Texas appreciates how you and your colleagues are working to ensure Texas is the best place to do business while protecting our environment.

Advanced recycling is a relatively new industry, which breaks down plastic waste for reuse in everyday products. According to the American Chemistry Council, private companies are investing over \$8.7 billion in advanced recycling. SB 2044 expands the scope of the advanced recycling by adding two new technologies. TAB strongly supports the passage of SB 2044 to increase the use of advanced recycling and bring new investment to our state.

Advanced recycling projects provide over 48,000 high-paying jobs. This includes jobs for the construction, maintenance, and operations of advanced recycling facilities. These projects will provide over \$12.9 billion in economic output to our supply chain, which will directly impact small businesses and strengthen many Texas communities. The increase in advanced recycling projects will continue to boost the Texas economy, provide an abundance of economic development opportunities, and strengthen our workforce.

Circular supply chains, which are promoted through the use of advanced recycling, benefit businesses, consumers, and the environment. Consumers can get rid of their waste without the guilt of environmental harm, knowing that businesses are using innovative technologies to repurpose their waste into recycled every day products.

SB 2044 supports the growth of the advanced recycling industry, which will benefit the Texas economy for years to come.

TAB greatly appreciates Senator Hancock for authoring this bill as well as Chairman Birdwell and the Committee for considering the expansion of advanced recycling. TAB is available as a resource to the Committee whenever needed.

Sincerely,

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