



February 17, 2017

The Honorable Lioneld Jordan
Mayor, City of Fayetteville
113 West Mountain Street
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Support for Fayetteville's Curbside Sort and Drop-Off Recycling Program

Dear Mayor Jordan:

I am writing on behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) to offer our strong support for Fayetteville's current curbside sort and drop-off recycling program.

On February 21st, the City Council will consider a variety of actions to encourage more residential recycling and diversion of recyclable materials. GPI encourages support for the city's current effective recycling efforts.

Receiving quality recycled glass containers from local collection programs, such as Fayetteville's, is an integral part of the manufacturing supply chain across the country.

Fayetteville's recycling program delivers exceptionally clean, large volumes of recycled glass that are a high-value material input for the glass container and fiberglass industries. Currently, the program collects 38 pounds per capita of high-quality recycled glass, among the best in the nation for local programs and 65% higher than the national average.

A move to single stream has the potential to threaten the collection model developed with support from Ripple Glass, a company that has worked diligently with Fayetteville recycling stakeholders, the City Council and consumers to ensure that glass set out for recycling is reused to make glass bottles and jars, as well as fiberglass insulation.

Single-stream programs also often experience challenges in sorting glass and other collected recyclables when they reach recycling recovery facilities. The resulting contamination can lead to increased tonnage and disposal costs at landfills.

Thank you for considering GPI's comments in support of a recycling program for Fayetteville that supports high-quality recycling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lynn M. Bragg
President

Cc: Members, Fayetteville City Council