



June 8, 2020

The Honorable Marc Williams
Mayor
City of Arvada
8101 Ralston Road
Arvada, CO 80002

Re: In Support of Arvada's Pending Curbside Recycling Contract

Dear Mayor Williams and Members of the Arvada City Council:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I am pleased to offer our association's strong support for the curbside recycling contract under consideration by the Arvada City Council.

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass food and beverage manufacturing companies, glass recycling, other partners and suppliers to the industry. This includes the two Colorado glass container manufacturing facilities in Windsor and Wheat Ridge, who purchase recycled glass for daily use in the manufacture of new bottles and jars.

GPI offers its strongest encouragement and support for the pending recycling and solid waste collection contract, on the agenda for next week's Council meeting. As you are aware, with contract approval comes over half a million dollars via a direct cash grant from The Recycling Partnership (TRP).

The unique opportunity provided by TRP, at a time when resources are considerably constrained across local governments and departments, will assist Arvada to improved recycling rates, lessened landfill disposal costs, and higher quality recycling feedstock for Colorado manufacturing industries. Air quality from manufacturing facilities utilizing glass and other recyclables will also result in fewer associated greenhouse gas emissions, and cleaner air for Coloradans.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, and consider the GPI a resource and advocate for recycling opportunities and challenges. Thank you for your consideration of our comments in support of the contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott DeFife". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott DeFife
President

Cc: Members, Arvada City Council