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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

The modern world has brought forth a multitude of powerful technological advances. When these technologies reach their end life, we often learn—the hard way—that these products, when not disposed of properly, come at a cost to the environment and to our health.

This is especially true for the communities surrounding the Exide Technologies plant. Decades of improper lead-acid battery recycling have left these communities to face enormous environmental challenges.

AB 2153 has the potential to generate \$24 million annually from the fees imposed on consumers and battery manufacturers to address this critical cleanup. In exchange, it allows a battery manufacturer to use these fees against future liability. This approach is a departure from how the state enforces environmental law. This model should be the exception, not the rule.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.