



## **A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

### **COMMENDING THE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep North Carolina's manufacturing industries operational; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturing industries are leaders in the production of steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass and continue to produce these materials and products that are essential to North Carolina, the nation, and worldwide markets; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw materials to produce these products; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw materials without the collecting, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw materials by North Carolina's materials recycling industry; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this fact, North Carolina's materials recyclers have been deemed essential businesses and workers from the onset of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's materials recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols and, as a result, have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable recyclable materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of North Carolina's landfills and have been manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

**WHEREAS**, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in North Carolina and throughout the world to manufacture a wide variety of products, including toilet paper, respirators, and new automobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing the State's citizens to repair their automobiles and maintain reliable transportation throughout the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile technology devices, thereby becoming an alternative supplier to education and corporate entities when international supply chains were disrupted during

