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Welcome / ISRI Anti-Trust Message/Safety Message

Introductions **20 Minutes**

- Participant Speed Roundtable (10 min.)
- Review State Resources for Lobbyists (5 min.)
- Explain Planned 2021 Series Sessions (5 min.)

George Hinkle, ISRI Co-Chair State Subcommittee

Barry Wolff, ISRI SE Chapter President

Danielle Waterfield, ISRI Chief Policy Officer

John Bianculli, ISRI SE Chapter Legislative Chair

TOPIC: One ISRI* **40 Minutes**

- Introduction (5 min.)
- What is One ISRI? (30 min.)
Objective: Learn how One ISRI brings strength and value to state advocacy efforts
- Questions/Open Discussion (5 min.)

Andrew Lincoln, ISRI Co-Chair State Subcommittee

Gary Champlin, ISRI Chairman

Robin Wiener, ISRI President

Andrew Lincoln

BREAK **5 Minutes**

TOPIC: Recycling is Essential **45 Minutes**

- ISRI Advocacy Strategy (10 min.)
Objective: Learn ways to connect the dots for policymakers on how recycling is essential
- Conceptual Privilege Resolution (10 min.)
- Open Discussion Challenge: How do you get this resolution passed? (25 min.)

Billy Johnson, ISRI Chief Lobbyist

Steve Levetan, Exec VP Pull-a-Part, LLC

Wrap-Up/Closing **10 Minutes**

- Review takeaway packet materials
- State Advocacy Online Forum
- Promote 2021 Series - Industry Issue Sessions

Justin Short, ISRI Manager Gov't Relations

Steve Levetan

John Bianculli

*One ISRI refers to the multi-commodity makeup of ISRI – metals, paper, glass, plastics, textiles, tire/rubber, and electronics, and the fact that regardless of commodity or geographical location, we are all one industry.

ISRI State Policy Resources

ISRI offers a range of member-only state policy resources, from in-state advocacy training(s) with chapter lobbyists, tracking and monitoring, to legal research and analysis, along with legal chapter contract review and much more. ISRI's State Policy Resource Catalog (see chart) was developed to help you navigate through extensive state policy services.

Principles for Accessing State Policy Resources

- ❖ ISRI's state program is a collaborative approach between ISRI and its respective chapters - designed to provide policy support through a central clearinghouse on key industry issues and services for state & local matters as requested by the chapters.
- ❖ ISRI state resources are available to *all* members, though some resources may only be accessed through a chapter request to ISRI. This ensures that resources continue to service the collective good of ISRI members.
- ❖ ISRI understands in-state lobbying and/or strategic negotiations on state matters remain within the purview of the individual ISRI member(s) and the chapter(s). Thus, public positions and strategies for addressing state policy concerns are reserved for ISRI chapters *unless* ISRI's Board of Directors has expressly approved a policy position on that exact industry concern. In all respects, chapters must not contradict [ISRI Positions](#);
 - Chapters control their choice of lobbyist(s) and/or legal representation along with associated cost(s). ISRI financial assistance is available for state matters that rise to the level of national significance. Guidance is in the ISRI Policy Manual, and [ISRI Staff](#) can help chapters with how to exercise this option.

How to Access State Policy Resources

- ❖ [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) provides easy access to the State Resources and Tracking page (members only), Metals Theft Law Database, and other state policy resources.
- ❖ ISRI's State Government Relations team is always available to assist chapters with state advocacy objectives.

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- **Legislative Drafting** (i.e. testimony, legislation, or other document for public consumption),
- **Regulatory Review & Public Comments**,
- **Lobbying Assistance** (i.e. Capitol Hill Day, District Meetings, etc.),
- **Advocacy Training**, and
- **Legal Services** (i.e. including, but not limited to, amicus court briefs and contract review, etc.).

Resources & Services	State-Specific Essentials	Programs & Tools
<p>Legislative / Regulatory Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Experts on Policy Issues • Best Practices for Raising Visibility at the State Capitol • Legislative drafting assistance* • Legislative committee testimony drafting* • Regulatory impact review & comments* • Lobbying advocacy support* (not requiring state registration) • Industry-wide economic data broken down by state legislative districts • Dedicated state policy webpage <p>Legal Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal consultation & research (<i>general in nature, not fact/case-specific</i>) • Regulatory review & comments* • State Lobbying & Gift Laws* <p>Education / Studies / Trends Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSG Study on Metals Theft Laws (2014) • Recycled Rubber Facts • Industry Tracking Reports • What to do When the State Tax Auditor Calls • Trending legislation analysis <p>State Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum for discussion of state legislative issues and strategies. • ISRI Advocacy Online Bulletin Board <p>COVID 19 Resource Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on safe operations, advocacy, and federal and state resources, including: • State Civil Liability Protections and Worker's Compensation actions (members only) 	<p>ISRI State Policy: Homepage for state resources</p> <p>State Resources & Tracking: includes 50-state webpages with information for each state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links by state to state laws & regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Metals Theft ○ Vehicle Detitling ○ Electronics Recycling ○ Stormwater Permits ○ State manufacturing sales tax exemptions ○ Container deposit laws ("bottle bills") ○ Zoning (state oversight) • 50 State metals theft law summaries • Find Your State Legislators • State Legislatures websites • Reports on Industry-tracked legislation <p>Events / Partners</p> <p>NCSL Legislative Summit / Recycling Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousands of state legislators and legislative staff in one location for ISRI members to network • Educating legislators if anything recycling related comes to their office to call ISRI (who will forward to the appropriate chapter contact in the legislator's state) • Coordinates with chapters on outreach to state legislators/staff. <p>NLGA Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the industry through presentation of Recycling Impact Award <p>ISRI Partners on State Policy Outreach</p> <p>National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) National Lt. Governors Association (NLGA) Council of State Governments (CSG)</p>	<p>Advocacy Training*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual: Lobbyist CE Program, with initial courses in Dec 2020 and first half of 2021 • In-person: In-state and customized by state capitol, collaboratively designed with chapter lobbyists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter hosts the event <p>Metals Theft Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-state metals theft law database • Law enforcement training • Law Enforcement Advisory Council • ScrapTheftAlert.com • StopMetalsTheft.org • Position on Recyclable Materials Theft <p>Legislative / Regulatory Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the System guide (video) • Recycling industry-focused tracking for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. • Available to chapter lobbyists & members • ISRI monitors and sends notices to key contacts on priority legislation and regulations • Chapter leadership, Legislative Chairs, and Chapter Lobbyists should also watch for proposed amendments in their chapters <p>NLGA Recycling Impact Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to a National Lieutenant Governors Association member annually • Facilitates ISRI member and chapter communications and relationships with state Lt. Governors

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We are One ISRI, One Industry

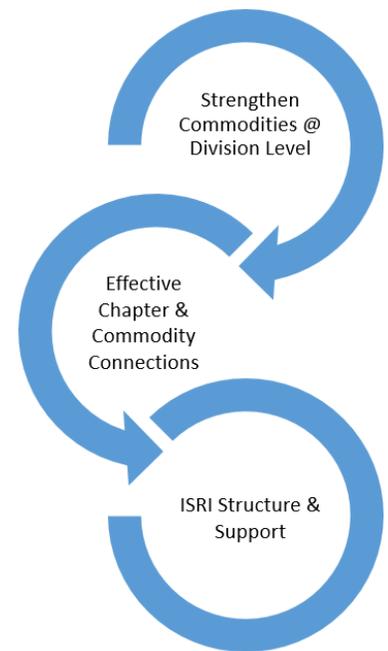
Regardless of commodity or geographical location, we are all one.
Regardless of whether the effort is undertaken on the National or Chapter level, it is all ISRI.

In January 2019, the ISRI Board received and accepted the final report of ISRI's Planning Committee, which contained a number of recommendations that all centered around achieving the goal of "One ISRI." One ISRI is defined as the effective integration of all parts of ISRI so as to better connect ISRI with our members and to provide the same level of value to all members, regardless of where a member is located or the commodities they process.

Achieving One ISRI

ISRI's One ISRI Working Group is focused on helping to implement the recommendations and best practices provided to the ISRI Board by the Planning Committee. Implementation focuses on the following activities:

- Centralizing the coordination of commodity-specific issues and initiatives through the Commodity Divisions. This effort began in October 2018 when the ISRI Board voted to empower the Commodity Divisions by providing them the ability to raise and spend money and meet independently of the ISRI Board. The next step will be the dissolution of ISRI's two commodity chapters (PSI and Scrap Tire Processors), the movement of their activities into their respective divisions, and the transition of their members into their respective geographic chapters.
- Creating effective connections between Chapters and Commodity Divisions. Last month, the ISRI Board passed a resolution encouraging all geographic chapters to enhance participation of all commodities within chapter leadership and participation. As part of this activity, Chapters are encouraged to include one representative from each commodity division on their chapter GR/Legislative committee to help ensure that chapter advocacy efforts include state legislative and regulatory policies affecting all commodities.
- Developing the structure required for all this to work so ISRI Chapters and National are all One ISRI. The One ISRI Committee is working to identify and implement best practices for Chapters and National to work in tandem as "One ISRI." In addition, ISRI Staff and the One ISRI Committee are working closely with the Chapters to develop processes for successful integration of new members and connections to the Divisions.





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Recyclables are not Waste ... Recycling is not Disposal

For decades, recycling has been impeded by varying and evolving interpretations of “solid waste” at the federal, state and local levels. The result is that scrap destined for recycling has inappropriately been regulated as solid or hazardous waste, and recycling facilities regulated as solid or hazardous waste facilities, thus layering costly, burdensome and inappropriate requirements on the recycling industry.

The Solution

ISRI seeks enactment of language in federal and state laws that specifies ***“used or recyclable metals, electronics, paper, plastic, glass, rubber, and textiles that are destined for reuse or recycling as valuable commercial commodities are not, and shall not be, deemed to be solid waste under any provision of law.”*** Such language, we believe, would combat impediments to recycling and the trade of recyclable commodities through persistent attempts at misidentification of recyclable materials as solid waste (and sometimes hazardous waste).

Rationale

Recyclable materials (referred to as “scrap” by the recycling industry) are commodities—not waste. They are highly valuable and tradeable products, produced according to globally recognized specifications for purchase by industrial consumers—including steel mills, metal refiners, plastic manufacturers, foundries, and paper mills—to meet their raw material needs. Manufacturers value the use of scrap for the significant cost and energy savings provided. Recycled materials are routinely used as substitutes in place of virgin commodities since they are often less expensive, of comparable—if not better—quality, and save energy, which are all important factors in the manufacturing process.

Based on these and many more examples, recycling is an important economic engine and essential to modern manufacturing. The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) recognized this concept in 2019 when they adopted “A Resolution on The Importance of Recycling and Distinguishing Recyclable Materials as Valuable Commodities That are Not Solid Waste.” The Resolution concludes as follows –

“BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NLGA will be an engaged forum for collaboration among states to pursue SMM that recognizes the importance of recycling and that recyclable materials such as metals, paper, plastic, glass, rubber, and textiles that are recycled directly as a viable commercial feedstock or commodity should not be deemed to be solid waste.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acknowledged the distinction between scrap commodities and waste materials nearly 20 years ago (although not in regulation). In 2003, EPA staff were tasked to take a futuristic look at the Agency’s work in the year 2020. Out of that effort came the work entitled, “Beyond RCRA,” which makes clear that scrap materials are not waste and recommended that the Agency move from materials control to a materials management focus. That was accomplished with the creation of EPA’s “Sustainable Materials Management” initiative.

Recyclables must be recognized in law for what they are: essential feedstock for the manufacture of new products.

Recycling is Essential

Recycling was recognized early in the COVID-19 crisis as part of critical manufacturing, and thus as “essential” to protecting public health and safety, as well as to economic and national security. Recycled metal, paper, plastics, and other commodity-grade materials feed critical U.S. manufacturing operations that produce the rebar, wiring, tubing, transportation, packaging, and other key materials that are needed for everything from construction of new hospitals to the manufacture of new hospital beds, ventilators, toilet paper and other essential supplies needed to keep Americans safe and the economy running during this critical period. Recycling is essential, more broadly, in meeting manufacturers’ needs now and into the future.

Recycling is Integral to the Critical Manufacturing Supply Chain

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security officially designated a number of manufacturing industries that depend on the recycling supply chain as part of the U.S. “Critical Manufacturing Sector.” These industries include primary metals manufacturing (*i.e.*, iron and steel mills and ferrous alloy manufacturing, alumina and aluminum production and processing, and nonferrous metal production and processing); machinery manufacturing; electrical equipment, appliance and component manufacturing; and transportation equipment manufacturing (source: <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-manufacturing-sector>).

The DHS defines critical manufacturing as:

*“Workers necessary for the manufacturing of metals (including steel and aluminum), industrial minerals, semiconductors, materials and products needed for medical supply chains, **and for supply chains** associated with transportation equipment, aerospace, energy, communications, information technology, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, wood products, commodities used as fuel for power generation facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, processing and reprocessing of solid waste, emergency services, and the defense industrial base. Additionally, workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions **and associated supply chains**, and workers necessary to maintain a manufacturing operation in warm standby.”* (“Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response Version 4.0,” p 20 (emphasis added)).

The manufacturing of materials and products is wholly dependent on manufacturers’ ability to obtain the feedstock necessary to feed their operations. **Thus, the definition provided by DHS is inclusive of the operations necessary for the collection and processing of the raw materials – whether secondary or primary – needed to supply critical manufacturing. This designation has similarly been adopted by many states across the country.**

Examples of how the recycling industry contributes to manufacturing:

- The U.S. steel industry relies on ferrous scrap as its largest single raw material input. 70% of all U.S.-produced steel and stainless steel is made from ferrous and stainless scrap supplied by

recyclers. In fact, the modern U.S. steel industry has been built around the ability of scrap recyclers to process and deliver high-quality iron and steel scrap.

- More than 75% of U.S. paper mills depend upon recovered fiber from recycling operations for their daily production needs, and a significant number of paper mills in the United States rely on recovered fiber for 100% of their feedstock.
- Recyclers are responsible for supplying 58% of the feedstock to tissue mills throughout the United States, which are responsible for producing the toilet paper and tissues needed every day by U.S. citizens.
- Aluminum producers in the United States have become increasingly dependent on recycled aluminum as their main raw material input due in part to the large energy and cost savings associated with consuming secondary aluminum scrap over primary. More than half of all aluminum consumption by manufacturers in the United States comes from scrap.
- Copper and copper alloy production in the United States is also heavily dependent on scrap as a raw material input, which requires scrap recyclers to continue operating. Copper's anti-microbial properties are a key element to reducing the spread of disease, and are widely used in hospitals and other settings to reduce transmission rates. Copper scrap provides approximately one-third of the supply of all copper, brass, and bronze produced in the United States.
- The increased demand for, and delivery of, food items are dependent upon food packaging that, in turn, is produced using a variety of grades of recovered paper and plastics made from recyclables collected and processed by the scrap recycling industry.

All told, recycling operations are an essential part of critical manufacturers' supply chain, supplying 40% (on average across all commodities) of their raw material needs. Without the continued supply of specification-grade scrap into these operations, many of these companies would be forced to curtail their operations.

Recycling is a Partnership

Recyclers across the country work daily with local municipalities to ensure recyclables are collected, processed and successfully enter the manufacturing supply chain, thus supporting state and local governments in delivering such services to the community. The vast majority of recycling operations that support municipal programs (often called scrap recycling facilities, Material Recovery Facilities, or MRFs) are for-profit operations, are not government-owned, and are therefore at risk of being inadvertently shut down by otherwise well-intended emergency measures sought to fix problems that are, in themselves, misunderstood. Without the support of recyclers, valuable commodities would build up and not only be lost for critical supply to manufacturers, but also end up wrongfully in the waste stream.

November 13, 2020

House Resolution

By: Representative of the

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their members; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, during the COVID 19 Pandemic, it has been essential to keep Georgia's manufacturing industry operational; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturing industry is a leader in the production of steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass, and continues to produce these materials and products essential to the citizens of Georgia, the United States, and the World; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw materials in order to produce these materials and products; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's Manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw materials without the collection, processing and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw materials by Georgia's Recycling Industry; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, Georgia's Recyclers have been deemed essential businesses and workers from the onset of the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's Recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols and as a result have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers; 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 Georgia's landfills and have been manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in Georgia and throughout the world to manufacture products from toilet paper to respirators to new automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing Georgia's citizen to safely and economically repair their automobiles and maintain reliable transportation throughout the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, repaired and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile technology devices, becoming an alternative supplier to education and corporate entities, facilitating student's remote learning and supporting our great citizens working from home, when international supply chains were disrupted during the Pandemic causing shortages of these devices; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, sorted and reclaimed plastic products and packaging, which could be used as feedstock to manufacture products that enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle scrap tires, protecting public health and the environment, and producing valuable rubber products such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's recycling industry has collected, sorted, processed and delivered recovered fiber to paper, containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in manufacturing essential products, including tissue products, pulp used in diapers and other personal hygiene products, papers for communication and education, building/construction products, and packaging for food, beverages, foodservice, cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and other essential consumer products; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of that the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries are essential businesses, and their employees are essential workers, necessary for the production and manufacture of goods and products in Georgia, and throughout the world, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their members are to be commended for their role in maintaining the economic viability of the supply chain for Georgia's manufacturers and their employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the members of the Georgia Recyclers Association, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.



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Electronics Recycling Advocacy Issues

ISRI's Electronics Division encompasses a broad array of companies. Member companies provide services that include, seeking commodities recovery through the collection of obsolete electronics from consumers, to companies providing high end technical services to corporate and government enterprises such as material collection, testing, refurbishing, repair, remarketing, and data erasure.

Issues of particular importance to the electronics recycling industry include:

- **State Electronics Recycling Laws.** Currently 26 states have laws in place ranging from an Advanced Recovery Fee (ARF) to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) models. In general, the Electronics Division has been against the expansion of producer responsibility and the state-by-state approach.
- **Lithium Ion Batteries** represent a significant fire hazard in during processing of used electronics.
- **Consumer Privacy Legislation.** Laws such as the California CCPA and the EU's GDPR have a significant impact on companies collecting and processing equipment for erasure and destruction. In some cases, the tracking and reporting requirements can be onerous and difficult, if not impossible to accomplish.
- **Export Controls:** There has been a tremendous focus both internationally and domestically on the potential for scrap electronics to be "dumped illegally" overseas.

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Electronics Legislation](#)
- [Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation](#)

Key Search Terms: electronic waste; product stewardship; producer responsibility; manufacturer responsibility; lithium; li-ion; primary battery; rechargeable battery; independent repair provider; right to repair; consumer privacy

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Design for Recycling](#)
- [ISRI Position on Right to Reuse](#)
- [ISRI Position on Product Stewardship](#)

For More Information please consider the resources below.

[Electronics Commodity Page](#)

Electronics Division ISRI Staff Liaison: [Billy Johnson](#), Chief Lobbyist

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Metals Recycling Advocacy Issues

Ferrous and nonferrous scrap have a variety of uses and maintain their chemical properties through repeated recycling and reprocessing. ISRI estimates put nonferrous at less than 10% of the total volume of recycled materials processed in the US but at more than 50% of the total value traded, while the U.S. Geological Survey estimates that 65 million metric tons (143 BILLION pounds!) of iron and steel scrap was processed worldwide.

Issues of particular importance to the metals recycling industry include:

- **Recyclables Are Not Waste / Definition of Solid Waste**
- **Environmental Justice** impacts on land use and environmental regulations
- **Materials Theft**
- **Vehicle detitling**
- **Vehicle dismantling**
- **Lithium-ion/Electric vehicle batteries**
- **Airbags**
- **Hazardous waste regulations**
- **CFC regulations**
- **Shredder regulations**

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Scrap Metal Legislation](#)
- [Vehicle Legislation](#)
- [Materials Theft Legislation](#)
- [Environmental Justice Legislation](#)
- [RANW / Waste Definition Legislation](#)

Key Search Terms: scrap processor, salvage / abandoned / nonrepairable / junk vehicle; salvage / nonrepairable certificate; vehicle dismantler; wrecker; lithium-ion / li-ion; lead acid; electric vehicle battery; metal shredder, vehicle crusher; auto shredder, auto shredder residue, recycling, Use [ISRI's State Metals Theft Law Database: Materials Covered Report](#) to identify key definitions used in metals theft laws.

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Recyclable Materials Theft](#)
- [ISRI Position on Electronic Reporting](#)
- [ISRI Position on the Regulation of Vehicle Sellers](#)
- [ISRI Position on Pressurized Containers](#)

For More Information please consider the resources below.

[Ferrous Commodity Page](#): Ferrous Division ISRI Staff Liaison: [Billy Johnson](#), Chief Lobbyist

[Nonferrous Commodity Page](#): Nonferrous Division ISRI Staff Liaison: [Joseph Pickard](#), Chief Economist

[ISRI's State Metals Theft Law Database](#): A public resource with premade and custom reports on state provisions.

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Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Recycling Advocacy Issues

A Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) is a recycling facility where primarily residential recyclables, diverted from disposal by the generator and which are collected separately from municipal solid waste are mechanically and/or manually sorted into commodities for further processing into specification-grade commodities and/or sales to end users.

Issues of particular importance to Materials Recovery Facilities include:

- **Product Stewardship / Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Recycled Content Mandates**

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Auxiliary Containers / Packaging Legislation](#)
- [Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation](#)
- [Environmental Justice Legislation](#)
- [Recycled Content Legislation](#)
- [Residential / Municipal Legislation](#)
- [RANW / Definition of Solid Waste](#)

Key Search Terms: auxiliary container; returnable container; redemption value; recycled content; product stewardship; producer responsibility; manufacturer responsibility; lithium; li-ion; postconsumer, post-consumer, or post consumer

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Product Stewardship](#)
- [ISRI Position on Flow Control](#)
- [ISRI Position on One-Bin Collection](#)

For More Information please consider the resources below.

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Paper Recycling Advocacy Issues

Recovered fiber, often better known as recovered paper, paperboard, and containerboard, is one of the most widely recycled materials in the world. Paper is recycled at a high rate: each year since 2009, 63 percent or more of paper used in the U.S. has been recovered for recycling and in 2019 the paper recycling rate reached 66.2 percent, while the recycling rate for old corrugated containers (OCC) reached 92 percent.

Issues of particular importance to the paper recycling industry include:

- **Product Stewardship / Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** targeting packaging and printed paper.
- **Product Fees and Bans:** Imposing a tax on paper products discourages consumers from using products that are recyclable, compostable, made of recycled material, and reusable.
- **Recycled Content Mandates:** Either as part of EPR legislation or stand-alone bills, states are targeting paper manufacturers with minimum recycled content mandates that could divert materials from highest value end use.
- **Changes to State Solid Waste Management Plans**, often with the rationale of combatting climate change.

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Paper Legislation](#)
- [EPR Legislation](#)
- [Packaging / Auxiliary Container Legislation](#)
- [Recycled Content Legislation](#)

Key Search Terms: auxiliary container; paper bag; recycled content; product stewardship; producer responsibility; manufacturer responsibility; postconsumer, post-consumer, or post consumer

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Product Stewardship](#)
- [ISRI One-Bin Collection Policy](#)
- [ISRI Position on Paper Bags](#)

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[ISRI Paper Stock Industries Chapter](#)

[Paper Commodity Page](#): Paper Division ISRI staff Liaison: [Bret Biggers](#), Economist

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Plastics Recycling Advocacy Issues

The explosive growth of the plastics manufacturing industry has alarmed many around the world about the state of recycling systems and led to a growing global movement to ensure that plastics are handled in an environmentally responsible manner. ISRI estimates that the U.S. recycles more than 3.5 million tons of plastic every year, with each ton saving enough energy to power nearly two households for an entire year!

Issues of particular importance to the plastics recycling industry include:

- **Recycled Content**
- **Product Stewardship / Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**
- **Bans and fees on plastic bags and other plastic items**

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Plastics Legislation](#)
- [Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation](#)
- [Packaging / Auxiliary Container Legislation](#)
- [Recycled Content Legislation](#)

Key Search Terms: auxiliary container; plastic film; plastic bag; single-use plastic; plastic pellets; PET; HDPE; PVC; LDPE; PP; PS; PLA; compostable, biodegradable, or bio-based plastics; plastic waste; plastic pollution; plastic packaging; returnable container; redemption value; deposit return; deposit refund; recycled content; product stewardship; producer responsibility; manufacturer responsibility; postconsumer, post-consumer, or post consumer resin (PCR); pyrolysis; chemical recycling; advanced recycling; waste-to-energy

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Minimum Recycled Plastic Content Legislation](#)
- [ISRI Position on Plastic Bags](#)
- [ISRI Position on the Use of Degradable Additives in Plastic Packaging](#)
- [ISRI Position on Product Stewardship](#)

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[ISRI Plastics Commodity Page](#)

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Tire & Rubber Recycling Advocacy Issues

When you use a tire, there's often quite a lot of rubber left when you have to replace them. This is excellent material with a number of secondary uses including tire derived fuel, tire derived aggregate, playground mulch, and safer, more durable highways. The rubber is processed through shredding knives or cryogenic freezing then crushing before going into products like synthetic turf fields and molded and extruded products.

Issues of particular importance to the tire and rubber recycling industry include:

- **Moratoriums and restrictions on synthetic turf and crumb rubber infill**
- **State budget raids on dedicated tire funds**
- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**
- **Materials Theft**
- **Market Development**

ISRI State Legislative Tracking System: visit [ISRI's State Policy Page](#) for more resources.

- [Tires / Rubber Legislation](#)
- [Synthetic Turf Legislation](#)

Key Search Terms: scrap tire; waste tire; used tire; rubberized; retread; crumb rubber; synthetic turf; artificial turf; rubber infill; synthetic infill; artificial infill; tire processor; tire facility; tire fee

Relevant ISRI Positions: All Position Statements are available on the [White Papers, Reports, and Analysis page](#).

- [ISRI Position on Artificial Turf and Rubber Infill](#)
- [ISRI Position on Scrap Tire Design for Recycling](#)
- [ISRI Position on the Use of Rubberized Asphalt in Road Construction](#)
- [ISRI Position on Product Stewardship](#)

For More Information please consider the resources below.

[RecycledRubberFacts.org](#)

[ISRI's Scrap Tire Processors Chapter](#)

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Regardless of commodity or geographical location, we are all one
Regardless of whether effort is undertaken on the national or chapter level, it is all ISRI



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ISRI is the Voice of the Recycling Industry,™ which includes all those companies that process, broker and industrially consume metals, paper, plastics, glass, textiles, rubber and electronics, whether sourced from commercial, residential, or industrial operations.

	1989	Today
 Ferrous	796	615
 Nonferrous	600	674
 Paper	123	202
 Tire & Rubber	0	68
 Plastic	0	184
 Electronics	0	291
 Textiles	0	17

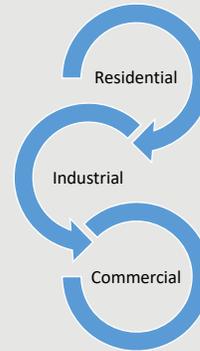
Any proposed legislation and regulation that impacts any of the above is of interest and concern to ISRI

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This approach brings the collecting strength of ISRI to our state efforts

Allows for a story to be told that helps better illustrate the complexity of the industry and the need for ISRI to be at the table on all discussions affecting recycling



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