

ISRI ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATIVE POLICY

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Scrap recycling is a climate friendly industry that substantially reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Avoided emissions due to using scrap recyclables in the manufacturing process constitute approximately four percent of the entire U.S. carbon inventory. As a result, it is in the national environmental interest of the United States to promote recycling as a climate friendly industry and to enhance recycling related activities that in turn help to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions throughout the country. ISRI supports climate change policy that promotes and enhances the economic, social, national security and life-cycle benefits of responsibly recycling scrap metal, paper, plastics, electronics, and rubber. ISRI shall advocate for legislative policy that—

- Recognizes the existing scrap recycling infrastructure and enhances the economic, social and life-cycle benefits of responsibly recycling scrap metal, paper, plastics, electronics, and rubber.
- Establishes equity in the statutory treatment of recyclable versus virgin materials.
- Distinguishes scrap recyclables from solid waste as it pertains to climate change.
- Protects against export controls and trade barriers that impede the free and fair trade of recyclable commodities.
- Funds research, management, and removal of impediments to recycling, such as radioactive material, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), mercury containing devices and CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons).
- Funds research for new technologies to more efficiently and effectively recycle items such as automobile shredder residue, cathode ray tubes and tires.
- Establishes incentives, such as accelerated depreciation and investment tax credits, etc., for scrap recycling equipment that demonstrates a life-cycle benefit and reduction or avoidance of green house gas.
- Provides offset credits for companies that increase the quantity of recyclable material which is recycled versus sent for disposal.