



# Statement

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## PLASTICS MAKERS APPLAUD WISCONSIN BILL THAT WILL HELP GROW RECOVERY OF NON-RECYCLED PLASTICS

WASHINGTON (March 21, 2018)—*This week the Wisconsin House and Senate passed [AB 789](#). The American Chemistry Council's Plastics Division welcomed the legislation and issued the following statement, which may be attributed to Craig Cookson, senior director of recycling and energy recovery:*

“The American Chemistry Council’s (ACC) Plastics Division applauds the unanimous passage of AB 789 in Wisconsin. This new legislation will make Wisconsin a welcoming environment for innovative new manufacturing that converts post-use non-recycled plastics into fuels, chemicals or feedstocks for new plastics.

We’re pleased to see legislation that attracts new innovative businesses and supports the creation of new jobs by treating post-use plastics as valuable raw materials for “manufacturing” and not as “waste.” In addition, AB 789 ensures that facilities which convert post-use plastics into liquid fuels, chemicals, waxes and lubricants are correctly regulated as manufacturing and not mischaracterized as solid waste management facilities. We applaud Representative Tittl and Senator Cowles for sponsoring this important legislation, and we urge Governor Walker to sign it.

With yesterday’s passage, Wisconsin becomes the second state (after Florida) to unanimously adopt legislation that removes regulatory barriers to implementing these innovative technologies in their states. We congratulate these states for their leadership in plastics recycling and recovery, and look forward to additional states making similar progress.

Wisconsin recycles nearly 26,000 tons of plastics annually. It’s estimated that converting Wisconsin’s non-recycled plastics into energy could provide enough fuel to power more than 151,000 cars every year. Experts also determined that converting non-recycled plastics in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois into petrochemical feedstocks and fuels could support 17 facilities and generate \$163 million in economic output each year.”

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