

## National League of Cities recycling policy echoes principles adopted by six local government Councils

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Product Policy Institute worked with Minnesota local government officials to develop a bold new recycling policy for the National League of Cities (NLC). When implemented in state or federal legislation, the principles will significantly reduce local government costs and bring better recycling.

Amendments to a draft resolution under consideration by NLC were derived from [Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy](#) adopted by six local government Product Stewardship Councils. These principles were developed by the Northwest and California Product Stewardship Councils, consolidated by the Product Policy Institute, and subsequently adopted by local government Councils in CA, WA & OR, NY, TX, VT and British Columbia.

On the basis of these accepted principles, stronger language was added to the draft being considered by NLC. All of the recommendations from PPI were accepted in the [final resolution adopted by NLC](#) on November 14, 2009. The stronger principles emphasize the benefits of producer responsibility product stewardship framework legislation to local government.

- PPI recommended adding the word “Producer” before “Responsibility” to acknowledge that local governments need producer's to take responsibility, not government, for managing environmental impacts of products and packaging.
- PPI recommended adding language to state explicitly the need for local government relief: “Local governments and taxpayers should be relieved of the financial burden of product and packaging management.
- PPI recommended adding language to state explicitly the need for “producer-led,” rather than local government “systems to collect, reuse, and recycle products at the end of their life cycles.”
- PPI recommended adding language to emphasize the critical needs of local government: “Urges Congress to protect and support the ability of local and state governments to establish producer responsibility legislation.”

*Product Policy Institute's focus is on helping local governments work for strong product stewardship legislation that meets local governments' needs. PPI assisted the National Association of Counties draft product stewardship resolutions during the past two years. PPI continues to work with local officials from across the country for strong product stewardship legislation that relieves the unfair burden currently placed on local governments and taxpayers.*