

April 14, 1990

Dear Sir/Ms.,

Ever since moving to Massachusetts from California I have been appalled by the state's archaic recycling methods. Because the once a month collection is so inconvenient I fear that many people fail to recycle. I know that I must make special arrangements to fit recycling into my busy Saturday schedule. If for some reason I forget or am out of town, My recyclable goods must wait a whole extra month. Some of us simply do not have the space required to store these ever accumulating materials for such a duration. It boggles my mind that the state has not made use of the seemingly simple, ever present recycling bins that can be strategically placed in various lots. Additionally, I have been told by a clerk in Broadway Supermarket in Cambridge that no stores will accept crushed aluminum cans. Does not everyone crush their aluminum cans or is it just a sick habit of my own for which I should seek medical attention? Recycling need not be such a trying, infuriating experience. During my brief (but not brief enough) stay in Massachusetts I am tempted, almost coerced to give recycling up all together. However, my conscious will not allow such a sin and I am forced to abide by your annoying methods.

I do have several suggestions to pass on to you:

- 1) Measure aluminum cans according to weight and eliminate the ridiculous "no crush" rule.
- 2) Set up several 24 hour, 7 days a week bins at many convenient locations.
- 3) Include bins for white paper, colored paper, and plastics (laundry detergent jugs, soda bottles, etc.).
- 4) Make recycling a fun and happy experience.

Sincerely,

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Comm. from Fran Belda, 18B Antrim
Street, relative to the state's
recycling methods.

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