Dear GRC Board of Directors.

I, Mason Towe, write to express my intent to serve as a Director on the Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) Board, 2024-2026 term. I believe that my experiences, roles, and professional network are well suited for a continued leadership role within this organization. I look forward to the opportunity to continue sharing my time, efforts, and ideas to better GRC and the regional recycling and waste reduction community.

I currently serve as GRC Vice President, and a Director on the Georgia Recycling Coalition Board of Directors, 2021-2023 term. As a Board member, my mission is to promote best practices of waste reduction throughout the state of Georgia, through enhanced infrastructure, education, investments in circular economy jobs and industries, and support for innovation to address inefficiencies and waste in our communities. Additionally, I seek to diversify our network of allies, intentionally recruiting the perspective and involvement of minority individuals and organizations, students and young professionals, and experts from other areas of expertise.

At the University of Georgia, I have served as Waste Reduction Services Manager since November 2021, where I supervise solid waste management and recycling collection programs, a fleet of twelve vehicles, and a team of fourteen staff. Prior to UGA, I worked with Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department in Athens, Georgia, as the Recycling Division Program Education Specialist from 2017 to 2021. In this role, I was responsible for creating and implementing waste reduction education and outreach programs and partnering with local K-12 schools and colleges.

I graduated from The University of Georgia in 2016 with degrees in Economics and Sociology with a minor in environmental law and certificates in sustainability and environmental ethics. As a student, and since then in my career, I have been continuously involved with GRC and SWANA in multiple roles and programs.

Thank you for your consideration,

L. Mason Towe

Georgia Recycling Coalition Vice President, Board of Directors 2021-2023 University of Georgia Waste Reduction Services Facilities Management Division, Office of Sustainability