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EPR in California

SB 515 (Corbett) – The Battery EPR bill was introduced February 17, sponsored by Alameda StopWaste and contains similar language as last year's SB 1100. CPSC has posted a [model letter of support](#) and a [fact sheet](#) - please submit letters of support ASAP. If you submitted a letter last year, it does not count towards this year's bill, we must have a letter for this bill on file to report your organization as a supporter.

We are also happy to report that the battery industry is working with BluSkye Consulting to bring the national stakeholders together to discuss solutions that all parties can live with. CPSC Board Chair Rob D'Arcy had an expenses paid trip to Atlanta in February to meet with other stakeholders and start the process. Another meeting in Dallas is scheduled for April 4-5. We are delighted at this new opportunity to work together and hope we can all find a way forward that works for all parties.

SB 589 (Lowenthal) – Currently, this bill is a spot bill with language about tires, but and will soon be updated with fluorescent lamp EPR language.

Again, we were delighted to get a call from representatives of the lamp manufacturers in early February asking to work with us on a lamps bill this year. We have worked together to get a spot bill introduced and are looking forward to finding agreement on a good EPR lamps bill this year.

Also, if you want, you can always follow these bills on your own through [leginfo](#).

EPR Elsewhere

There has been a flurry of EPR bills introduced nationally in the past month on carpet, pharmaceuticals, sharps, lamps, paint and more. Product Stewardship Institute is tracking all of these bills on a [national map](#).

Maine – As noted in the latest [Resource Recycling](#), Maine's new Governor released new regulatory reform proposals that include scaling back on the state's existing product stewardship laws. On the subject, Bill Sheehan of the Product Policy Institute states: "Extended Producer Responsibility-based recycling is not just a red issue or a blue issue – it's a **purple** issue. A posting last week to Product Policy Institute's listserv with the subject line, **NEWS**

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FLASH - Republican Maine Governor Supports Bigger Government, Raising Taxes!, highlighted the unintended consequence of Governor LePage's stated intent to repeal Maine's product stewardship laws to "ensure that manufacturers do not have to pay to recycle their consumer products." The unintended consequence is welfare for waste. PPI's posting was picked up by Guy Crittendon who edits *Solid Waste & Recycling* magazine. Guy's blog, *State-Run Recycling: Welfare for Waste*, was in turn picked up by the conservative *Frum Forum*.

British Columbia – A proposed plan has been introduced for product stewardship on end of life smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

European Union to Increase E-waste Recycling Goals

Resource Recycling reports that the European Parliament's Environment Committee voted in favor of updating and expanding the e-waste recycle goals of its Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) Directive. The directive's new scope specifically includes stricter rules on exporting unwanted e-waste and sets a new goal of collecting 85 percent of unwanted e-waste by 2016.

Associates in Action

Thanks to the hard work of CPSC Associate Jeffrey Smedberg with Santa Cruz County, the county has a new partnership to help solve the problem of improper sharps disposal. Jeffrey made a presentation to a local health care provider, Central California Alliance for Health, on the problems with sharps and they were inspired to change their policy and **now honor prescriptions for medical sharps containers as a new benefit**. The benefit would only be for patients using injectible medicines or lancets and staff will also help communicate to members the importance of proper sharps disposal. This is a great example of a transitional EPR program in that Jeffrey educated the local health care provider about the problem, and they agreed to take care of at least the cost of the sharps containers. Jeffrey did a short project write-up for more details. In addition, Jeffrey is helping us with a phonebook project we will announce next month. Thank you Jeffrey for all your hard work!

Board Member Profile: Olivia Sanchez

Olivia Sanchez serves as the Secretary of CPSC's Board of Directors and was one of the founding board members since 2007. In her day job, Olivia is a Recycling Specialist with the County of San Bernardino working on various recycling and reuse programs and awareness. She has been a strong supporter of EPR and has made numerous presentations to jurisdictions and other associations on what EPR is and joining CPSC. She also serves on the California Resource Recovery Association Board which is a CPSC partner and brings harmonization to the two organizations. Olivia states that "CPSC's success in building an expansive public/private coalition makes it possible for jurisdictions to impress upon their elected boards and councils the need to move towards product stewardship through incorporating EPR language into procurement, contracts and ordinances."



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Green Chamber

In an [article by Greenbiz.com](http://www.Greenbiz.com), the US Chamber of Commerce launched the U.S. Green Chamber, an evolution of the Green Chamber of San Diego. The group, meant as a complement to the Chamber of Commerce, will have a national presence, focusing on helping businesses work on their sustainability goals and bringing together companies to share their green initiatives and projects. Find more information about the new group at their [website](#).

San Gabriel Project - Request for Help

On this project, we are helping the cities in the area update their purchasing policies to incorporate take-back requirements for HHW products. We are looking for cities that already have vendors that take-back their fluorescent lamps at the end of life – in short, have a take-back program. **If you are aware of any lamps vendors that take-back mercury lamps**, please e-mail the company name, phone and/or e-mail address to Heidi@calpsc.org. If there are any lamp manufacturers, utilities or recyclers who would like to partner on a lamp take-back pilot project, also email Heidi. Thank you!

Carpet Update: Draft Regulations and Retailer Webinar

In anticipation of the enacting California's Carpet Stewardship Act passed last year, the Carpet American Recovery Effort (CARE) will be hosting a webinar for carpet retailers on **March 22** at 2pm EST. Register at: <http://www.carpetrecovery.org/AB2398.php>. CARE was formed as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding for Carpet Stewardship (MOU), a national agreement signed by members of the carpet industry, government agencies at the federal, state and local levels and non-governmental organizations.

CalRecycle Webpages for Carpet and Paint Rulemaking Workshops

Be sure to check out CalRecycle's two new web pages for information about upcoming informal rulemaking workshops for carpet and paint and links to related documents.

- **Carpet Stewardship and Recycling** – Held February 22nd. CPSC submitted a [comment letter](#) on the first draft of the carpet regulations.
- **Paint Stewardship and Recycling** - To be held March 10th

Save the Date!

Please save the date for the following upcoming events CPSC is sponsoring or will be participating in:

- **March 8** - EPR Joint Legislative Committee Hearing at the State Capitol, Sacramento in Room 444 from 1:30-4 pm PST. You'll be able to [listen here](#).
- **March 10** – CalRecycle Paint Rulemaking Workshop in Sacramento. The workshop will be all day and be viewable through their website.
- **March 23** – Third and final paint webinar facilitated by CPSC from 10-11:30 am PST.

CPSCs Earth Day Fundraising Goal: Two Thousand Acts of Green

Earth Day is April 22nd, but for CPSC, every day is Earth Day. Our staff, Board members, contractors and volunteers work hard year round to ensure public policy moves California towards a more economically and environmentally sustainable future. The official Earth Day 2011 theme is "A Billion Acts of Green," recognizing the power of billions of individual actions to live and act sustainably. We'd like to continue that theme with our 2011 Earth Day Campaign: 1,000 Acts of Green.

As a non-profit, CPSC is a public benefit corporation and the more individual donors we have, the better, even if they are small. The Earth Day Campaign goal is to raise \$10,000 by Earth Day from individuals and businesses that do not make regular annual donations. **All it takes is a small pledge of \$10 from each of our 1,000 supporters.** Your contributions are tax-deductible. It's easy to make an [online donation](#) or contact us if you prefer to be invoiced. If everyone gives a little, it means a lot!

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Offer of Technical Assistance and Procurement

February 25, 2011

Dear local government representatives:

The California Product Stewardship Council is working with the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority to implement a project funded by CalRecycle through the HHW grant program. The project has many aspects including supporting 20 California local governments with technical assistance integrating Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) language into purchasing specifications.

If you are currently working on a Request for Proposals to purchase a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) product such as batteries, mercury containing lamps, pesticides, pool chemicals, sharps, electronics, or aerosols, we can provide technical assistance and model language to incorporate in that procurement document. We can also provide model language and technical assistance in updating purchasing policies to support EPR for HHW products.

If you are interested in receiving this kind of technical assistance, please contact Heidi Sanborn at Heidi@CalPSC.org or 916-480-9010 to discuss. There is a limited budget so the assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to working with you,

Heidi

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- "Making disposal costs fair, equitable." - Contra Costa Times
- San Joaquin promoting CPSC and product stewardship in the monthly Chamber of Commerce newsletter Port o Call

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EPR in California

The City and County of San Francisco delayed a second vote on the [San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance](#) until January 25. The ordinance requires pharmaceutical companies to fund, design and operate an unused drug collection program.

We have heard that there will likely be EPR legislation introduced in California this year for sharps, batteries, and mercury containing lamps at the minimum. We will keep you informed as legislation is introduced.

EPR Elsewhere

Washington - The State introduced [carpet stewardship legislation](#) January 13, with the first hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd. The legislation requires manufacturers to be responsible for unwanted carpet at its end of life.

Australia - The first summit of the Global Product Stewardship Council (GPSC) was held in Sydney, Australia November 2010. CPSC executive director Heidi Sanborn presented via remote video conferencing and talked about what is happening in California. The GPSC issued an [Issues Paper](#), which outlines the major points made by the presenters from all over the world. It's an interesting read and may help people understand what questions policymakers are struggling with when it comes to EPR approaches.

Pharmaceuticals: Hearing in Congress about DEA's Rulemaking

CPSC was one of the [119 endorsers](#) for the [Product Stewardship Institute's](#) comments on the DEA's rulemaking process to make it easier and less expensive to safely collect pharmaceuticals. We want to thank PSI for taking the lead on commenting on national rulemaking that will impact all the states and the ability to implement [EPR pharmaceutical collection programs](#). We will continue to update you as the DEA proceeds to make the rules on pharma collection.

Paint Webinars

On January 6, CPSC in conjunction with CalRecycle and the San Joaquin paint grant hosted the first in a series of [three webinars](#) to help in the implementation of the paint EPR legislation. PaintCare and ProductCare also participated in this webinar. The next webinar

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will be held February 23 and the last webinar March 23. To register for the Feb 23 webinar go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/851473304>.

Board Member Profile: David Assmann

David Assmann is a founding member and currently serves as Treasurer of CPSC's Board of Directors. In his day job, David is the Deputy Director of San Francisco's Department of the Environment where EPR is an important component of what the Department does throughout all its programs. David sees the importance of changing the paradigm from the responsibility of stewardship of solid waste from the rate payers and government to producers. When asked why he is on the CPSC board with so many other demands for his time, David responds, "I've been passionate about the importance of extended producer responsibility for more than 10 years, which is why I convened the meetings of toxics and recycling staff in the Bay Area that ultimately led to the formation of the California Product Stewardship Council. Product Stewardship, along with a focus on more responsible consumption, is the only way San Francisco will be able to reach zero waste."



CEA Recognizes e-Stewards, Supports E-Recycling Certification

Only eight months after it launched, the e-Stewards Certification program for electronics recycling has received formal recognition from the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) for "promoting best practices in eCycling." The CEA is the leading trade organization for consumer electronics companies. In their recently published sustainability report, "Inspiring Change," the CEA urges consumers look for recyclers that perform to a higher standard: "The consumer electronics industry supports the movement toward third-party recycler certification and encourages consumers to choose electronics recyclers that are certified by a credible program." Developed by the non-profit Basel Action Network, the "e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronics Equipment" is the world's most rigorous certification program for recyclers. Independent, third-party auditors evaluate applicant recyclers' environmental management systems, health and safety policies and compliance with national and international law. When using e-Stewards Certified recyclers, you can be sure the hazardous materials in your spent electronics will not be exported to developing countries or processed by prison or child labor. For a list of e-Stewards Certified Recyclers, please see www.e-stewards.org.

Odwalla Switches to Natural Packaging

Odwalla is a latest company to announce its transition to PlantBottle™ packaging. The company plans to make all its single serve beverage containers to the sugarcane juice and molasses derived packaging in March 2011. The bottles have the same performance and appearance as traditional high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polyethylene (PET) bottles. The new PlantBottle™ will be made from a minimum of 96% plant based HDPE and will be fully recyclable. Odwalla receives CPSC's Green Thumbs Up!





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Panasonic to Expand Electronics Recycling

Waste & Recycling News reports that Panasonic announced its sustainability goals and among their list of environmental goals was expanding its electronics recycling program. This includes wanting to significantly increase its recycling program locations from 833 sites to 1,600. The article also notes that Panasonic's other environmental goals include increasing sales of energy efficient products and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is why Panasonic receives our Green Thumbs Up this month.



The Carpet Recyclers Partner for Green Transportation

Once again, regulatory certainty is driving the creating of jobs in California and reducing GHG emissions. Thanks to the passage of the carpet stewardship legislation by Speaker John Pérez in 2010, The Carpet Recyclers announced in a press release a new partnership with KKW Trucking to expand transportation services to its carpet recycling customers and reducing transportation emissions at the same time. The Carpet Recyclers expect to divert over 100 million pounds of carpet from landfills in 2011 that will be recycled into new carpet, carpet padding, and a wide range of building products. The Carpet Recyclers has created over 50 new green jobs since 4th quarter 2010. The Carpet Recyclers is also a CPSC partner and earns CPSC's Green Thumbs Up of the month.



Paint Recyclers Have New Investment With EPR Bill Passage

Thanks to the passage of AB 1343 on Paint Stewardship by Assemblymember Jared Huffman, the expected increase in the collection of old paint will require new processing facilities, new markets and the development of new products in order to properly handle all of the paint that is collected. To that end, Amazon Environmental, a CPSC Partner, has a new partnership with Envirosystems USA Inc. which specializes in development of high growth potential companies. This investment will allow Amazon to expand as fast as necessary to meet the growing demands of the industry. The up side for the California economy is that this partnership and new investment will help grow jobs in California. Proof again that with regulatory certainty, not only can we improve the environment, but stimulate investment in green technologies which means new jobs for California.



San Gabriel Focus Group Findings

As part of the San Gabriel CalRecycle grant, focus groups and telephone surveys were conducted on what the public and retailers know about battery and lamp disposal rules and what they currently do with them and would like to see in a recycling program. The major findings from the focus groups and phone surveys were summarized on three different issues: who should pay, the awareness between disposal bans and behavior and benefits to businesses for EPR. When respondents were asked about who should pay for proper disposal, most consumers and retailers

assumed that taxpayers are paying for managing the disposal of hazardous waste and a majority agreed that the fairest approach to pay for proper disposal is to add the cost to the price of the product rather than spread it across all tax and ratepayers. Retailers also responded that the focus of the responsibility of manufacturers to clean up the hazardous products they produce and take responsibility for producing safer products. When asked about benefits for business, most respondents stated that it was important for them to shop at an environmentally-conscious business and most also agreed that they would have a more positive impression of stores offering take back services. Findings also showed that many consumers may be generally aware about the toxicity of the batteries and lamps, these products will still end up in the trash unless there is a more convenient system.

Save the Date! EPR Workshop and Hearings!

The California legislature is scheduling a series of hearings at the Capitol, the first being **March 1st** on issues around fraud and exporting of e-waste and a second workshop **March 8th** on Extended Producer Responsibility. Both will be held in the afternoon and we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Save the Date for **May 12th** for the 2nd EPR workshop in a series of four under the CalRecycle grant project for the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority. This all-day workshop will focus on household batteries and will be held in San Francisco. Stay tuned for more details as the date nears!

Free Reusable Transport Packaging Workshop

Learn about sustainable packaging best practices, hear real-world success stories, and discover savings potential at a free workshop in Oakland on February 10, 2011, sponsored by Alameda StopWaste.org. [Register now for the workshop.](#)

Did You Miss An Associates Call?

Did you know CPSC hosts a monthly call just for Associates? If you missed the latest call, find the summary of issues discussed at the [Associates secure webpage](#). If you have trouble logging in, please [contact us](#). The next call is February 2nd at 3pm. Hope to hear you there!

Contributions Needed!

To continue and expand our work to meet the demand, CPSC needs funding! As a non-profit working to benefit the public, we rely on your donations to continue our work. If you believe in our approach to provide free-market solutions approached from a "collaboration first" perspective, please make a year-end contribution - we've made it easy to make a tax-deductible [donation online](#). If you would prefer to be invoiced, please let us know.

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EPR In California

The City and County of San Francisco passed on first reading the [San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance](#), which requires pharmaceutical companies to fund, design and operate an unused drug collection program. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hold a second vote on the ordinance on January 4, 2011. If passed a second time, the ordinance will go to the Mayor for approval.

On December 20, the CPSC board voted to add packaging to the list of priority products in 2011. Our focus will now be on batteries, fluorescent lamps, sharps and packaging.

EPR Elsewhere

New York - On December 13, New York Governor Paterson signed into law the [Rechargeable Battery Bill](#) (S.3593/B A.6813-D). The new law requires manufacturers to finance the collection and recycling of rechargeable batteries. Manufacturers are also responsible for advertising of the program and reporting on the progress of the program.

Natural Logic Releases New White Paper Addressing EPR and Packaging in U.S.

A new white paper, "[Product Stewardship & Extended Producer Responsibility: Towards a Comprehensive Packaging Recycling Strategy for the US](#)," released by Natural Logic, Inc explores the benefits and barriers to implementing an EPR-based comprehensive product stewardship system in the US for packaging. It found significant benefits in EPR including that when recycling systems are financed, and in some cases managed, by

packaging producers rather than government, there is greater effectiveness and efficiency in programs. CPSC's Heidi Sanborn was quoted in the [press release](#).

CPSC Comments and Press on Green Chemistry Regulations

DTSC's latest draft regulations with a 15-day comment period ending December 3rd in essence eliminate DTSC's ability to regulate products on the basis of cost to local governments for managing the waste generated at the end of use. CPSC found it better to oppose these regulations than to allow them to be adopted as written. CPSC encouraged DTSC to go back to the previous version of the regulations in regards to EPR as written and participated in a [joint letter](#) to the Governor stating such. CPSC also participated in a joint press conference regarding the regulations and was quote in the [LA Weekly](#).

CPSC Board Member Profile: Kevin Hendrick

Kevin Hendrick serves as Vice Chair of CPSC's Board of Directors. In his day job, he is Director of the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority (DNSWMA). Since joining CPSC, he has been an active member of the Policy and Education Committee, and obtained two HHW grants from CalRecycle to promote product stewardship education statewide while also implementing pilot battery and sharp collection projects in Del Norte County. In addition, he has testified before many government agencies and advisory groups to promote the adoption of statewide policies. So why does he spend so much effort supporting CPSC? Kevin states, "After building an HHW facility, I realized we could never keep up with the operational costs to manage all this HHW if we don't get producer involvement in the funding and operations of HHW products. CPSC has helped DNSWMA make our case for EPR statewide policies and leverage our limited resources. CPSC is the best investment this county has made in reducing costs in the long-term."

Maine Releases First Report on Framework EPR Law

Maine's Department of Environmental Protection released its first report on implementing product stewardship in the state. This report is the first step for Maine in implementing their framework legislation for EPR. The report included proposal of changes to their existing programs to increase recycling rates and relief to small businesses from waste handling costs by allowing them to use the existing, producer-supported recycling systems. Read the [full report](#) on Maine's website.

CPSC Welcomes New Board Member Kreigh Hampel!

CPSC has voted to expand its existing Board of Directors to eleven and now welcomes Kreigh Hampel, with the City of Burbank, as its newest member. Kreigh has been a real leader in our industry since the early 1980's,

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including being on the National Hazardous Waste Materials Management Association Board, and was highlighted in this years NewsMail in May as the "Associate in Action." Kreigh has a background in carpentry, which led to building displays on hazardous materials, recycling and storm water. He has been instrumental in developing the City's Zero Waste plan, advocating for product stewardship and planning a new resource recovery center. Kreigh says his office sees the need for product stewardship on a daily basis. "About one third of the calls we get are from customers who want to know why they weren't informed there were hazards in the products they bought and didn't know they would be so hard to get rid of. No matter what we do, we can't seem to keep up with the flow of these products. That's why CPSC has been a God-send because it gives us leadership and strength in numbers - it's the best thing since ice cream!" Thanks for you dedication Kreigh - welcome to the CPSC Board!

Welcome Julia Au to the CPSC Team

Julia is CPSC's new Technical Assistance and Communications Manager. Julia brings with her a lot of knowledge of waste policy, EPR and California politics. Her last job was working for the San Francisco Department of the Environment's toxics reduction program and before then was at Californians Against Waste. Julia will be working on grant projects, education and outreach efforts such as the NewsMail, website maintenance, and much more. We are delighted she has joined us - please give a warm welcome to Julia! Julia can be reached at Julia@calpsc.org or (650) 580-8291.

Increase E-Waste and Carpet Recycling

Where do your dead computers go? Your constituents want to know.

You can be sure your e-waste doesn't end up overseas, in developing countries, in the burning fields, only by using certified e-Stewards Recyclers.

This is not the former pledge program. The Basel Action Network's e-Stewards Certification for electronics recyclers requires independent auditing and certification by accredited registrars. Cities, counties and companies that use e-Stewards Certified recyclers know their toxic e-waste will not be dumped in landfills, processed by U.S. prison labor and, in particular, not exported to developing countries. Their customers and constituents know it, too.

To learn more about the e-Stewards Standard for responsible and secure recycling (and to see why the County of Santa Clara has just become an e-Stewards Enterprise), please see www.e-stewards.org.

Trying to find out what how and where to recycle carpet in California?

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) makes is easy on their website with a list of contact information and locations of all the carpet collectors and recyclers in the state. Just click on their website: www.carpetrecovery.org

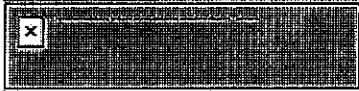
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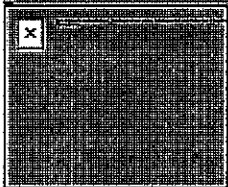
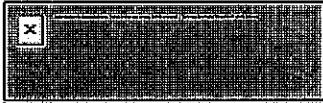
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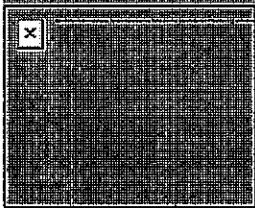
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Save the Date! CalRecycle Workshops for EPR Bills

As part of its responsibilities in implementing the carpet and paint stewardship laws, CalRecycle must go through separate rulemaking processes for each law. The following dates have been set for informal workshops related to the rulemaking process:

Carpet: Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Paint: Thursday, March 10, 2011

Keep up to date on the progress of these two legislations, by joining CalRecycle's [carpet](#) and [paint](#) stewardship listservs.

In Memory of Steve Uselton

CPSC would like to dedicate this issue to Steve Uselton and his family. Steve was the Branch Manager for CalRecycle in the Long Beach office, and was a long time friend of CPSC and our work. He and his son Douglas were killed by a drunk driver on December 18 as described in this story by the [Orange County Register](#). Let this be a reminder to all of us to never let friends drink and drive. To Steve: Your big smile, your big heart, and dedication to resource recovery will keep us inspired forever. Be at peace good friend, we miss you already.

Year End Contributions Needed!

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