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Backing Up Claims Answer Key

Claim #1: Recycling protects the environment.

- *Evidence:* Recycling paper means fewer trees are cut down, which helps preserve forests and wildlife habitats.

Claim #2: Recycling saves energy.

- *Evidence:* Recycling aluminum cans uses about 95% less energy than making new cans from raw materials.

Claim #3: Recycling reduces waste in landfills.

- *Evidence:* Communities that recycle produce less trash, so landfills fill up more slowly.

Claim #4: Recycling can save communities money.

- *Evidence:* Studies show that cities with strong recycling programs save money on waste management costs.

Teacher Notes:

- Students should learn to **differentiate claims** from **evidence**: claims are broad statements, while evidence gives facts or examples.
- Accept paraphrased answers as long as they show clear understanding of the evidence.
- This activity helps students strengthen critical reading skills by showing how authors support their ideas.