March 26, 2020

The Honorable Richard Bloom
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Dear Assembly Member Richard Bloom:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 1672 (BLOOM) AS AMENDED ON JANUARY 23, 2020 – SOLID WASTE: NONWOVEN DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS**


If enacted, the proposed legislation would require, commencing January 1, 2021, certain nonwoven disposable products, as defined, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed. The bill would prohibit a covered entity, as defined, from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of those nonwoven disposal products. The bill would subject a manufacturer that is found in violation of the bill’s labeling requirements to a civil penalty not to exceed $2,500 per violation.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because the bill would help to ensure the proper disposal of the covered personal hygiene/cleaning products to protect public health, the environment, and combat problems to public sewage infrastructure caused by improperly flushing these products.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles
County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force supports AB 1672 as indicated on this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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    California State Association of Counties
    League of California Cities – Los Angeles County Division
    Each Member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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    South Bay Cities Council of Governments
    Gateway Cities Council of Governments
    Westside Cities Council of Governments
    Each City Mayor and City Manager in the County of Los Angeles
    Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County
    Each Member of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force