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The Honorable Roger Niello
State Capitol Room 2016
Sacramento, CA 94249-0005

Dear Assembly Member Niello:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1688 (AMENDED MAY 26, 2006)
ILLEGAL DUMPING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1688 (AB 1688), which would authorize illegal dumping officers to enforce illegal dumping laws using the power to arrest and serve warrants.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Illegal dumping poses a threat to public health and safety, reduces the quality of life, lowers property values, and harms the environment. For many years, local governments have worked hard with few resources to reduce the occurrence of illegal dumping. Enforcement and prosecution is a key tool in preventing and deterring future incidences of illegal dumping. Assembly Bill 1688 would allow local jurisdictions to authorize their illegal dumping enforcement officers to arrest suspects and issue warrants when enforcing illegal dumping or littering laws. This provides local government with an additional tool to combat the scourge of illegal dumping, and the flexibility to use or not use this tool, as may best serve their residents.

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Therefore the Task Force **supports** Assembly Bill 1688. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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