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The Honorable Paul Koretz  
State Capitol Room 4140  
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Dear Assembly Member Koretz:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2271 (AMENDED APRIL 4, 2006)  
RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2271 (AB 2271), which would increase opportunities for residents to recycle their household batteries.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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. 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, 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.

Each year, California consumers generate significant quantities of household hazardous waste, including millions of household batteries. In response, local governments have established household hazardous waste management programs, such as the Los Angeles County Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program. However, the nature of household batteries, which was recently designated by the State as hazardous, being small in size, prolific, and viewed by the average resident as non-hazardous, makes their efficient management a challenge to local governments. AB 2271, if enacted, gives consumers a financial incentive to recycle their batteries and makes it more convenient for them to do so by establishing a 10-cent consumer redemption value on each household battery, helping establish convenient battery collection centers, and providing funding for additional public education activities. To offset local government costs, AB 2271 also

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provides per capita funding to local governments for additional recycling and education activities.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2271, since it would increase recycling rates for batteries, support the goal of producer responsibility, and further protect the environment. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Clark*

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