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The Honorable Lloyd E. Levine  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0040

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2449 (AMENDED AUGUST 7, 2006)  
PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449), which would require store operators to provide an in-store recycling program for plastic carryout bags (e.g., grocery bags).

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 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.

AB 2449, if enacted, would require stores (larger than 40,000 square feet) to establish an in-store recycling program for customers to return their plastic bags, and to make available for sale reusable cloth bags to their customers. The Task Force supports efforts to increase plastic bag recycling and reduce usage of plastic bags. At present, jurisdictions throughout the State implement a variety of plastic recovery programs, such as source separated curbside recycling, materials recovery facility processing, and voluntary programs implemented at participating stores. AB 2449 would provide an additional, convenient method for residents to recycle their plastic bags.

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Therefore, the Task Force **supports AB 2449**. 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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