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September 26, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 258 (ENROLLED SEPTEMBER 17, 2007)
PLASTIC DISCHARGES: WATER QUALITY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **requests your signature** on Assembly Bill 258 (AB 258), which would establish a plastic debris reduction program to reduce the amount of preproduction plastics entering the marine environment.

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 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, 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 258 would require the state water resources control board and other regional boards to implement a program for the control of discharges of preproduction plastics from point and nonpoint sources, including waste discharge, monitoring, and reporting requirements that at a minimum target plastic manufacturing, handling, and transportation facilities by January 1, 2009. Marine debris constitutes a substantial

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problem along shorelines, coastal waters, estuaries, and oceans. Not only do plastic discharges contribute to coastal blight, but compromises the health of our ocean environment, the life of marine organisms, and the livelihood of coastal communities and California's tourism industry. AB 258 would help to increase control over industrial discharges and reduce the amount of plastics entering the State's aquatic environment.

Therefore, the Task Force **requests your signature** on AB 258. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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

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