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The Honorable Russ Bogh
State Capitol Room 4098
Sacramento, CA 94249-0065

Dear Assembly Member Bogh:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2845 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2006)
INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S
CITY/COUNTY PAYMENT PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports and requests you amend** Assembly Bill 2845 (AB 2845), which would increase the Department of Conservation's annual payment to cities and counties for beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities from \$10.5 million to \$15 million.

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.

Under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1999, the State Department of Conservation (DOC) provides \$10.5 million to local governments on a per capita basis to enhance beverage container recycling and litter prevention activities. This program is highly popular because it allows local governments to enhance their existing programs without depleting their general funds, and the funds are equitably distributed. The program is also streamlined, which minimizes unnecessary paperwork and ensures funds are spent directly on programs. AB 2845, if enacted, would increase the total amount of money allocated to local governments, from \$10.5 million to \$15 million, further assisting jurisdictions in their recycling and litter reduction efforts.

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It should be noted that Section 14581(a)(4)(F) of the Public Resources Code gives DOC the option of withholding payment to any local government that restricts, prohibits or closes a "supermarket site" within their jurisdiction. Although Section 14526.6 of the PRC defines a supermarket site as a "certified recycling center" adjacent to or within a supermarket, we believe references to "supermarket site" in the proposed Bill may not be clear. Therefore, we believe it may be useful to clarify the term "supermarket site" by using a more specific term like "supermarket redemption center," and respectfully request that this change be incorporated into AB 2845.

With the above change incorporated, the Task Force **supports** AB 2845. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
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