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

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2901 (ENROLLED AUGUST 25, 2004)  
SOLID WASTE: CELL PHONES: RECYCLING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **recommends your signature** of Assembly Bill 2901—Solid Waste: Cell Phones: Recycling.

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 by the County and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system in the County of Los Angeles, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management 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 2901 would require cell phone retailers, by July 1, 2006, to take back used cell phones at no cost to the consumer. This Bill would dramatically increase the opportunities for consumers to recycle their used cell phones and ensure a reduction of cell phone disposal. The County administers the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Management Program. The Program provides a free and convenient means for residents to manage their unwanted household hazardous waste (e.g., paint, oil, household cleaning products) and electronic waste (e.g., cell phones, televisions, computers) by conducting weekly collection events throughout the County. While the Program has provided a convenient option for residents to manage these wastes, the Program's funding is limited and has become increasingly inadequate to meet the needs of residents as more waste is

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generated. Thus, it is imperative that manufacturers and retailers do their fair share to reduce this burden on local governments.

If AB 2901 becomes law, it would help alleviate this increased burden on local governments to manage this category of waste while at the same time promoting practical measures that extend producer responsibility; improve the infrastructure for collection, reuse, and recycling of cell phones; and stimulate the markets for remanufactured products and recycled materials.

Therefore, the Task Force **recommends your signature** of AB 2901. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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