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The Honorable Fran Pavley  
State Capitol Room 3120  
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Dear Assembly Member Pavley:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 3001 (AMENDED APRIL 17, 2006)  
EXPANDING THE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING ACT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 3001 (AB 3001), which imposes a \$6 fee on each computer tower sold in the State to offset local government costs in collecting and managing this material.

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.

The rapid pace of technological advancement has significantly increased the volume of obsolete electronics entering the waste stream each year. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control has found electronic waste to contain toxic heavy metals, such as, mercury, lead and cadmium and as a result banned the disposal of these wastes in municipal solid waste landfills. In order to assist local governments in addressing this issue, in 2003 the State Legislature enacted the Electronic Waste Recycling Act (EWRA), which imposes a \$6 to \$10 fee on each computer monitor, television, and similar video display device sold in the State. In turn, the fee is used to fund electronic waste collection and recycling activities, including helping local government offset their costs in collecting/managing this material and bolstering recyclers who process the materials and recover them to useful purpose.

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However, even with the success of the EWRA, these funds don't fully cover the costs for managing electronic waste covered by EWRA. In addition, a significant portion of the electronic waste generated is not eligible for any reimbursement under the EWRA. AB 3001, if enacted, would help narrow the gap by expanding the scope of the EWRA to include all personal computer towers. Beginning July 1, 2007, a \$6 fee will be imposed on all personal computer towers sold in the State and revenue collected from this fee would be used fund electronic waste collection and recycling activities. This fee furthers the goal of producer responsibility, and assists local agencies and recyclers in their efforts to properly manage the rising tide of electronics entering the waste stream.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 3001. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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