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The Honorable Loni Hancock
The State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Hancock:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1193 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2005)
RECYCLING: COMPACT DISCS AND DIGITAL VERSATILE DISCS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) supports Assembly Bill 1193 (AB 1193)– Recycling: Compact Discs and Digital Versatile Discs.

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 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 1193, if enacted, would prohibit the mass distribution of CDs and DVDs to non-consenting households unless the recipient is provided a postage paid return envelope or a similar return mechanism allowing the recipient to return the disc and accompanying packaging to the sender.

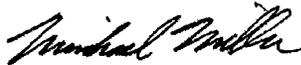
The Task Force applauds your efforts for introducing AB 1193 in an attempt to reduce and deter the amount of “junk mail” delivered to non-consenting households. By giving the consumer a choice to return the unsolicited disc/packaging back to the sender, it

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encourages the disc industry (and other mailing industries) to incorporate extended producer responsibility and packaging stewardship principles into their business practices. Furthermore, the disc industry would be encouraged to focus on their efforts on target mailing practices rather than mass mailing practices resulting from the costs associated with return envelopes which, ultimately, reduces the amount of waste entering landfills and conserves our natural resources.

Therefore, the Task Force supports AB 1193. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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