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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Lara,

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 144: ILLEGAL DUMPING - SUPPORT**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 144 (AB 144) as amended on June 1, 2015. If enacted, this legislation would increase the penalty for dumping waste matter on private property, including private roads or highways without the consent of the owner, from a civil infraction punishable by a fine structure to a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for fourth or subsequent convictions.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Local governments annually expend millions to remove illegally dumped waste from road and highways, and public property. Moreover, illegally dumped waste, specifically onto roads and highways, leaves motorists and their passengers vulnerable to unnecessary automobile accidents that can cause severe bodily injury, as well as property damage to those areas where such accidents may occur. In addition, the visual blight imposed on communities as a result of illegal dumping, serves to bolster the importance of augmenting existing law in any way necessary to combat the problem. AB 144 serves as an effective medium to achieve this aim.

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Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 144, as this legislation serves as an effective deterrent to illegal dumping. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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