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The Honorable Raul Bocanegra  
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Dear Assembly Member Bocanegra:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2658 (AMENDED APRIL 21, 2014) RECYCLING:  
WASTE TIRES: PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS - SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2658 (AB 2658), **if amended** to (1) update Section 42875 of the Public Resources Code to require CalRecycle to consider population as a factor when awarding grant or loan for tire recycling programs to a jurisdiction, and (2) eliminate the sunset date of the grant program as listed in Subdivision 42872.5(d) of the Public Resources Code.

Providing grants to local government agencies to clean up illegally dumped tires and hold regional collection events has allowed the creation of local tire recycling programs that have diverted hundreds of thousands of tires from landfills. These programs would not have been possible without this funding. Continuing the grant program for these local tire recycling programs and the use of recycled rubber products will ensure that tires continue to be diverted from landfills and will be reused as recycled products in new projects such as roads and playgrounds. Adding population to the factors considered when awarding grants and loans will help ensure that larger jurisdictions which generate more waste tires get the resources they need to ensure that those tires are collected and recycled.

The introduced version of this bill would have repealed the sunset date of the tire recycling grant program which is set to be inoperative in 2015. As indicated above, the grant program is essential to the continuation of used tire recycling programs throughout the state. As such the Task Force, respectfully requests that the sunset date be eliminated by deleting Subdivision 42872.5(d) of the Public Resource Code.

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

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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.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2658 **if amended** as described above. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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