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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair Assembly Natural Resources Committee 1020 N Street, Room 164 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Chesbro:

ASSEMBLY BILL 8 (INTRODUCED DECEMBER 3, 2012) ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY: FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 8 (AB 8). Among other things, this bill would extend the sunset dates in important programs that provide critically needed investment in air quality and clean transportation.

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 and 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, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

The Task Force is a strong supporter of funding for local government programs that provide a multitude of benefits to the public and the environment. AB 118, (Núñez, 2007) authorized and provides funding for the Air Quality Improvement Program, the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program as well as the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program. The incentives provided to date have already resulted in significant air quality and public health benefits, supported advances in clean transportation technology, and supported deployment of advanced technology vehicles. These programs provide significant economic assistance and support new jobs in communities throughout California. AB 8 would assure the continuation of essential

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funding for these worthwhile programs for local government in a time when many local governments are in need of financial assistance.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 8. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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