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

Dear Senator Lara:

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1294 (BERMAN AND ACOSTA): SOLID WASTE:  
PLASTIC PRODUCTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 1294 (AB 1294), as amended on, April 17, 2017. If enacted, AB 1294 would extend indefinitely an existing requirement for manufacturers or suppliers of plastic food container products to maintain documentation supporting their recycled content claims.

Existing law requires manufacturers of plastic food containers to verify their recycled content claims upon request by an agency or member of the public. However, the existing law will sunset on January 1, 2018. This bill would delete this sunset date and thus extends existing provisions to ensure continued compliance and enforcement of claims made by manufacturers.

Pursuant to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, 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, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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For the foregoing reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 1294 as amended on April 17, 2017. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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