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TO: California State Senators

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 142 (CRISTINA GARCIA) AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 13, 2019  
- LEAD-ACID BATTERIES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 142 (AB 142), as amended on August 13, 2019. If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would:

- Effective April 1, 2022, increases the California Battery Fee on purchase of a replacement lead battery from a \$1.00 to \$2.00.
- During the period of April 1, 2017 until April 1, 2022, maintains a \$1.00 fee imposed on a manufacture of each lead-acid battery sold at retail in California. Effective April 1, 2022, the lead-acid Battery Manufacture Fee will increase to \$2.00 in perpetuity.
- Funds from both manufacturer and specified purchaser fees are currently allocated to the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). This bill would establish a Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facility Investigation and Cleanup Program, or LABRIC Program, which would be responsible for identifying areas of the state that are eligible for expenditure of moneys from the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund for certain purposes, with an unspecified funding allocation.

The Task Force strongly supports the proposed legislation because it would continue the state efforts to clean up all contaminated lead-acid battery sites, and to protect these sites' neighboring residents and children. Additionally, the proposal provides for a permanent revenue source to provide for the cost of cleanup activities.

As provided by Assembly Bill 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force respectfully requests your Aye on AB 142. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia