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TO: California State Senators

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

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 187 (CRISTINA GARCIA AND BIGELOW) AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 30, 2019 – USED MATTRESS RECOVERY AND RECYCLING ACT (ACT)

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 187 (AB 187), as amended on August 30, 2019. If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would require the stewardship organization, formed pursuant to the Act, to revise its plan every five years, to include additional specified information and goals in the plan, the budget, and the annual reports, and to consider and respond in writing to the advisory committee's written recommendations. The bill would prohibit commencing with Fiscal Year 2027–28, the organization's financial reserve from exceeding 60 percent of its annual operating expenses, and from expending the revenue for the specified purposes of paying civil penalties. The bill would also require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to establish a process and schedule for an orderly transition of responsibility from a decertified mattress recycling organization to a successor organization. If enacted, the foregoing provisions would address current loop holes in the existing Act that are being exploited, such as maintaining and not utilizing a significant financial reserve, lack of transparency, and that California fee money does not prioritize California processing infrastructure. These loop holes have been contributing to the failure of the existing stewardship organization to achieve higher levels of mattress recovery and recycling to reduce/prevent illegal dumping and significant costs to local jurisdictions.

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 **supports** AB 187 as amended on August 30, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
Assembly Member Bigelow