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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 1933 (MAIENSCHIN) GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND: RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AS AMENDED MAY 25, 2018

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I am pleased to advise that the Task Force is in **support** of Assembly Bill 1933 (AB 1933), as amended on May 25, 2018. However, the Task Force respectfully requests that the proposed legislation be **amended** to allocate a dedicated annual funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to assist with the development of urgently needed infrastructures to reduce the amount of solid waste going to landfill by 75 percent by 2020 (AB 341, 2011) while reducing the land disposal of organic waste by 75 percent by 2025 (SB 1385, 2016).

As currently drafted, AB 1933 does not specify an amount to be appropriated in the annual Budget Act, without regard to fiscal year, from the GGRF to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for organic waste and solid waste recycling infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The Task Force is in favor of AB 1933 as it promotes expansion and development of much needed infrastructure to effectively manage organics and recyclables and meet the state's solid waste and GHG emission reduction goals. However, considering the enormity of the task and the crisis in global diversion markets, the Task Force has concerns the bill has not designated a specific annual amount that would provide adequate levels of funding for activities and infrastructure projects considered in the bill.

The Task Force respectfully requests that AB 1933 be amended to specify an amount to be appropriated in the budget for the purposes specified in this bill **to be annually** at a level adequate to fund initial estimates of \$3 Billion of infrastructure necessary for the reduction of solid waste to landfills to meet 2020, 2025, and 2030 solid waste and GHG emission reduction goals.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), 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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1933 **if it is amended** as indicated in this letter. 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.

Sincerely,



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