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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 54 (ENROLLED ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019) – THE CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING
AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 54 (AB 54). AB 54 would, among other things, exempt dealers, located in a convenience zone that was served by a recycling center that closed, from certain duties and fines, allowing them to ramp up their recycling duties, until March 1, 2020. This bill would extend the operation of the authorization of up to five limited-term recycling pilot projects until January 1, 2022, and to expend up to a total of \$5,000,000 from the fund to support the pilot projects. AB 54 would also authorize the expenditure of up to an additional \$5,000,000 from the fund for supplemental payments to recycling centers.

The Task Force supports AB 54 because it provides a temporary relief in the California Beverage Container Recycling Act (Bottle Bill) crisis caused, among other things, due to China Sword Policy and lack of markets for recyclable, while a permanent fix is developed. Temporary relief is necessary to ensure the severe impact to our communities is minimized. The California Bottle Bill was established over 30 years ago and requires major updates in order to be effective in modern times and the Task Force looks forward to working with the legislature next year to develop a comprehensive long-term solution.

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

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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 54, and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. If you or staff 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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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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