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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 614 (ENROLLED ON  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2019) – INCOME TAXES: CREDITS: FOOD BANKS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 614 (AB 614). AB 614 would expand the existing Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Tax Credit to apply to the donation of qualified donation items of raw agricultural products or processed foods. The bill would also expand the definition of “qualified taxpayer” to include the person responsible for growing or raising a qualified donation item, harvesting, packing, or processing a qualified donation item but would exclude a retailer. Additionally, the bill would apply these provisions to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because it would expand the list of items that agricultural producers can donate to Food Banks that qualify for an existing tax credit. This financial incentive will ultimately assist local jurisdictions divert useful wasted food from landfill to meet challenging waste diversion and short-lived climate pollutant (SCLPs) goals, including Senate Bill 1383’s (Lara, 2016) specific requirement to recover for human consumption by 2025 at least 20 percent of edible food that is currently disposed to landfill. A fix that could divert nearly six million tons of food waste generated in California each year to alleviate food insecurity for California families.

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

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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 614, 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](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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