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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 729 (ENROLLED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2019) – CARPET RECYCLING: CARPET STEWARDSHIP**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 729 (AB 729). AB 729 would, among other things, require a carpet stewardship organization to include in the carpet stewardship plan a contingency plan should the carpet stewardship plan expire without approval of a new carpet stewardship plan or should the carpet stewardship plan be revoked.

The bill would safeguard the carpet recycling program fees by requiring a stewardship organization to setup a trust fund or an escrow account to ensure fee payer money is made available. The organization would be required to deposit all unexpended funds and ongoing consumer assessment for use by a trustee or escrow agent, to make payment as the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) directs based on the most recent approved carpet stewardship plan. This bill provides meaningful improvement tools to help meet the State's recycling rates and diversion of postconsumer carpet which contain toxic chemicals, primarily in adhesives and stain protectants which end up in landfills or incinerated. It is crucial to support California's carpet recycling infrastructure; this bill ensures the recovery program continues to operate when the existing stewardship organization authority is revoked.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 strongly supports AB 729, 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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