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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 792 (ENROLLED ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019) – RECYCLING: PLASTIC CONTAINERS: MINIMUM
RECYCLED CONTENT AND LABELING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 792 (AB 792). AB 792 would, among other things, require a plastic beverage container filled with a beverage by a beverage manufacturer to contain specified amounts of post-consumer recycled plastic content pursuant to a tiered plan that would require the beverage container to contain no less than 50 percent post-consumer recycled plastic content on and after January 1, 2030. The bill would impose civil penalties on a beverage manufacturer for a violation of these requirements. The bill would authorize Department of Resources Recycling & Recovery (CalRecycle) to enforce these provisions and would authorize CalRecycle to conduct audits and investigations of a beverage manufacturer for the purpose of ensuring compliance. The bill would require penalties collected to be deposited in the Recycling Enhancement Penalty Account, which the bill would create.

The Task Force has been a consistent proponent of expanding recycling markets, and by establishing a high level post-consumer recycled plastic content minimum standard in the manufacturing of plastic beverage containers the proposal will greatly provide for the much-needed expansion of the recycled plastic market.

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

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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 792, 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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