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TO: California State Senators

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 792 (TING) AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 30, 2019 –
RECYCLING: PLASTIC CONTAINERS: MINIMUM RECYCLED CONTENT AND LABELING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 792 (AB 792), as amended on August 30, 2019. If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would:

1. Require a plastic beverage container filled with a beverage by a beverage manufacturer to contain specified amounts of postconsumer recycled plastic content per year pursuant to a tiered plan that would require the beverage container to contain no less than 75 percent postconsumer recycled plastic content per year on and after January 1, 2035. The bill would impose civil penalties on a beverage manufacturer for a violation of these requirements. The bill would authorize CalRecycle to enforce these provisions and would authorize CalRecycle to conduct audits and inspections 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.
2. Require, starting March 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, a manufacturer of a beverage sold in a plastic beverage container to report to CalRecycle, in pounds and by resin type, the amount of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled plastic used in the plastic beverage containers filled with a beverage by the beverage manufacturer in the previous year that are sold in the state.

The Task Force has been a consistent proponent of expanding recycling markets, and by establishing a high level postconsumer 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.

As provided by Assembly Bill 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force respectfully requests your Aye on AB 792. 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.

cc: Assembly Member Ting