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TO: California State Senators

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

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 1200 (TING) AS AMENDED ON JULY 8, 2021 – PLANT-BASED FOOD PACKAGING: COOKWARE: HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 1200 (AB 1200), as amended on July 8, 2021.

The proposed legislation would prohibit any person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the state any food packaging that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS, beginning January 1, 2023. The bill would require a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when replacing PFAS chemicals; would require a manufacturer of cookware sold in the state that contains one or more intentionally added chemicals present on a designated list to include a list the presence of those chemicals on the product label in both English and Spanish, regarding how a consumer can obtain more information about the chemicals in the cookware, beginning January 1, 2024. Additionally, the bill requires a manufacturer of this cookware to post on the internet website for the cookware a list of chemicals in the cookware that are present on the designated list, beginning January 1, 2023; and would also prohibit a manufacturer from making a claim, either on the cookware package or internet website for the cookware, that the cookware is free of any specific chemical if the chemical belongs to a chemical group or class identified on the designated list.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because the bill would help to eliminate a toxic chemical from the waste stream that may negatively impact public health and the environment.

As provided by AB 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 SUPPORTS AB 1200 and requests your AYE vote on the bill.** If you 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.

cc: Assembly Member Ting