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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 1200 (TING) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 14, 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 June 14, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, 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. Additionally, AB 1200 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. The bill would require 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, among other information, beginning January 1, 2023. The bill 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, unless no individual chemical from that chemical group or class is intentionally added to the cookware. The bill would prohibit a person from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in California a cookware product that does not comply with these provisions.

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

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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 **Supports** AB 1200 as indicated in this letter. 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.

Sincerely,



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