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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California State Capitol Building, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

<u>REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE</u> – ASSEMBLY BILL 652 (ENROLLED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021) – PRODUCT SAFETY: JUVENILE PRODUCTS: CHEMICALS: PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 652 (AB 652), as enrolled on September 7, 2021. AB 652, if enacted, would prohibit, on or after July 1, 2023, a person, including manufacturer, from selling or distributing in commerce any new juvenile products that contain regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS. Additionally, would require a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when replacing PFAS chemicals in a juvenile product. The bill would prohibit non-essential use of PFAS in juvenile products, which helps to reduce levels of PFAS in drinking water, waste streams, and the broader environment.

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.

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Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 652 and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force and Council Member, City of Rosemead

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