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The Honorable Luz M. Rivas, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Rivas:

**SUPPORT AND AMEND – ASSEMBLY BILL 842 (CRISTINA GARCIA AND GRAY) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 22, 2021 – CALIFORNIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 842 (AB 842), as amended March 22, 2021, and suggests amending it as indicated in this letter. If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (Act), which would establish a comprehensive regulatory scheme for producers, retailers, and wholesalers of single-use packaging and single-use products, made partially or entirely of plastic, to be administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The bill would additionally require producers, within six months of CalRecycle's adoption of regulations to implement the Act, individually or collectively, to form or join a stewardship organization that will develop and submit to CalRecycle a stewardship plan, annual report, and budget, and develop, finance, and implement a convenient and cost-effective program to source reduce, recover, and recycle single-use packaging and single-use products discarded in the state. The bill would require the stewardship plan to include funding to support, among other things, mechanisms necessary to achieve a 75 percent recycling rate of single-use packaging and single-use products by 2032 and annually thereafter. The bill would require a stewardship organization to pay to CalRecycle an administrative fee to cover CalRecycle's full costs of administering and enforcing the Act.

While the Task Force is supportive of circular economics and extended producer responsibility, it would respectfully request that the proposed legislation be amended to address the following:

1. Prohibit packaging made of multiple types of plastic or plastic mixed with other materials as they are not recyclable and don't fit the intent of this bill, and
2. Eliminate the proposed exemptions for film plastics which create an unnecessary loophole for one of the most significant contaminant of recycling bales.

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 842, and **suggests amending it** 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](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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