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The Honorable Kevin De León  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator De León:

**OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED SENATE BILL 100 (DE LEÓN): CALIFORNIA RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD PROGRAM: EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES - (AMENDED MAY 26, 2017)**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully **opposes** Senate Bill 100 (SB 100) as amended on, May 26, 2017, **unless amended to address the concerns expressed in this letter**. If enacted, SB 100, would accelerate the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program goal to 50% renewable energy by 2026 and establish two new targets: 60% by 2030 and 100% by 2045. Among other things, this bill would require retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources to achieve 45% of retail sales by 2023, 50% by 2026, and 60% by 2030.

The Task Force is supportive of efforts to produce clean renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and combat climate change. However, the Task Force cannot support unrealistic goals without properly evaluating the impact on the State's environment and economy. These measures will significantly increase costs to ratepayers and businesses without being substantiated by an assessment of the actual benefits to the environment.

SB 100 lacks the development of existing alternative technologies that can also help the State attain renewable energy reliance. The Task Force is an avid supporter of an array of alternative technologies including conversion technologies (CTs) but this bill fails to recognize their potential to help meet RPS targets. Conversion technologies can be used to process the residual digestate from the anaerobic digestion process. Thermal non-combustion conversion of digestate can be used to generate electricity or renewable fuel as well as producing biochar which is extremely beneficial for creating

healthy soils. Further, CTs would positively contribute to help the State reach the recently enacted reduced organic waste targets and GHG emissions as well as handling many hundred thousand of dead forest trees.

We respectfully request an amendment to reinsert the language from the amended version on, May 1, 2017, which expands the definition of biomass conversion, biogas, and biomethane. Additionally, we recommend an assessment of the impacts and benefits of increasing the RPS program goals and engaging key stakeholders to develop more attainable goals. Lastly, we request that CTs be given parity as an eligible renewable energy resource rather than relying solemnly on solar and wind.

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 respectfully **opposes unless amended** SB 100. 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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