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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2205  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

**SENATE BILL 662 – SUPPORT  
RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to support Senate Bill 662, as introduced on February 27, 2015. Among other things, this bill would grant the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) greater discretionary authority to disseminate funds from the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Loan Subaccount for reimbursement to Zone Administrators for specific outreach services promoting zone development.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended), 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.

In 2014, a change in agency appropriation policy retracted the authority of CalRecycle to issue funds from the Loan Subaccount directly to Zone Administrators as reimbursement for time and resources expended on training, advertising, public outreach, technical analyses of feedstock availability, and other RMDZ promotion related services. SB 662 seeks to return, and formally define, that authority back to within the agency's bounds of discretion.

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CalRecycle has identified development of RMDZs as an imperative component of the State's goals for 75 percent of solid waste generated to be recycled, composted, or sourced reduced, by 2020 and annually thereafter, as outlined in AB 341 (2011 Statutes). RMDZs also compliment the broader objectives of the State to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in AB 32 (2006 Statutes). SB 662 would streamline the process for CalRecycle to reimburse local agencies as they work to promote the State's RMDZ program. Therefore, the Task Force **supports** SB 662. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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