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May 28, 2019

The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials.  
1020 N Street, Room 171  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED – SENATE BILL 68 (GALGIANI) AS AMENDED  
MAY 22, 2019 – HAZARDOUS WASTE: TREATED WOOD WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 68 (SB 68), as amended May 22, 2019, **if amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, SB 68 would, among other things, require the current required message that wholesalers and retailers of treated wood and treated wood-like products must post at or near the point of display, sale or selection of these products, to include an additional specified statement relating to the internet website at which the list of approved landfills that accept treated wood waste can be found, and would delete the repeal provision, thereby extending the operation of those provisions indefinitely.

The Task Force is in support of such a measure because while treated wood products have many beneficial uses its proper management and disposal as a hazardous waste is critical for human health and safety as well as to prevent contamination of our environment and waste stream.

The reauthorization of this program by Senate Bill 162 (2015) mandated the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to engage in a study and provide a comprehensive report to the legislature assessing compliance with, and implementation of the statute and regulations as a precursor to making permanent the program and removing the sunset provision. An appropriation of \$370,000 was provided for the study, which was due to the legislature on July 1, 2018. DTSC has yet to issue the report.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation if amended to:

- Require DTSC to finalize the previously mandated study and submit the report by January 1, 2020, assessing compliance with the statute and regulations as a precursor to making permanent the program and removing the sunset provision.

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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** SB 68 **if amended** to include the recommendation 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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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and  
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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