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September 23, 2019

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

Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – SENATE BILL 726 (ENROLLED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2019) – HAZARDOUS WASTE: PUBLIC AGENCIES: MATERIALS EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 726 (SB 726). SB 726 would authorize a contractor of a public agency to conduct a materials exchange program at a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection facility for reusable household hazardous products and materials. The bill would revise the requirements for the preparation and implementation of a quality assurance plan at each HHW collection facility operated by the public agency, or its contractor, at which a materials exchange program is operated. The bill would require proper and safe handling, transport, and use of household hazardous products and materials, with additional requirements on commercial entities where non-compliance would result in immediate discontinuance of receipt of materials. The Task Force supports the proposed legislation as it allows greater reuse of HHW material than is currently being allowed which supports state and local solid waste diversion mandates and goals, reduces disposal costs, and saves resources and greenhouse gas emissions from producing new products and materials.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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

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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 726, and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. If you or staff 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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Integrated Waste Management Task Force and  
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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