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May 3, 2016

The Honorable Ben Allen  
State Capitol, Room 2054  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

### **SENATE BILL 778 – SUPPORT: OIL CHANGES: NOTIFICATION TO CUSTOMERS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 778 (SB 778) as amended on January 4, 2016. SB 778 would reduce the generation of waste motor oil by requiring automotive repair dealers to notify customers of the recommended oil change intervals specified in the vehicle's owner's manual.

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.

For too long, auto repair shops have indicated to their customers that oil change intervals are 3,000 miles. While, the 3,000 mile interval may have been appropriate for late model vehicles, many vehicles' proper oil change interval is 5,000 – 6,000 miles and up to 15,000 miles if synthetic oil is used. SB 778 stands to reduce the generation of waste motor oil by requiring auto repair shops to notify customers of the proper oil change interval as recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer. Reducing the generation of used motor oil will reduce costs borne by local governments in order to fund their household hazardous waste programs, among other benefits. The Task Force appreciates this sensible approach to waste reduction.

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Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 778 as amended on January 4, 2016. 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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