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The Honorable Kevin de Leon, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Kevin de Leon,

**SENATE BILL 1274 (AMENDED MARCH 24, 2014) – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
RECYCLING: USED MATTRESSES**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is a longtime supporter of efforts to promote product stewardship but must respectfully **oppose** Senate Bill 1274 (SB 1274) **unless amended** to address the following concerns:

- Any clean up legislation to SB 254 (2013) needs to ensure that urban and rural local governments as well as participating solid waste facilities are provided with mechanisms for the recovery of illegally dumped used mattresses including, but not limited to, collecting, transporting, storing, processing, and/or disposing of used mattresses at no additional cost to these entities (emphasis added).
- The bill needs to specify what qualifies as contamination or require the development of proper handling, transportation, and sanitation/management procedures to ensure that bedbugs and blood borne pathogens do not migrate to renovated/recycled mattresses, homes, or affect public health
- + and safety, as this was not addressed in SB 254.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, with a combined population of over ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, 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, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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Again, the Task Force has a long history of supporting EPR efforts. However, we are **opposed** to SB 1274 **unless amended** to address the key issues above. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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