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The Honorable Don Perata  
Senate President Pro Tem  
State Capitol Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Perata:

**SENATE BILL 1368 (AMENDED AUGUST 21, 2006)  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes unless amended** Senate Bill 1368 (SB 1368), relating to greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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.

Senate Bill 1368, if enacted, would prohibit electric utilities from entering into long-term contracts for electricity purchase unless the source of that electricity meets or exceeds a greenhouse gas emission performance standard. However, the Task Force is concerned that SB 1368 creates a double standard for facilities that generate electricity from "biomass, biogas, or landfill gas energy" because the California Energy Commission would be required to include greenhouse emissions "from the process of growing, processing, and generating the electricity from the fuel source" for only these processes. This creates a disincentive for bio-based energy production since it does not take into account the carbon sequestration benefits of plants and other organic feedstock used in these processes, which actually reduces the concentration of greenhouse gasses in the

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atmosphere. To more accurately account for greenhouse gas emissions of electricity generation and to 'level the playing field,' all technologies/facilities should be evaluated on a life-cycle basis.

Therefore, the Task Force **opposes SB 1368 unless amended** to address the concerns indicated above. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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