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September 22, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SIGNATURE REQUEST: ASSEMBLY BILL 199: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY:
RECYCLED FEEDSTOCK (ENROLLED SEPTEMBER 16, 2015)**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 199 (AB 199)**. This bill would expand projects eligible for the sales and use tax exclusion to include projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock, including low-carbon fuels or other types of renewable energy created from recovered feedstock.

The Task Force has long supported measures that would encourage the full utilization of recycled feedstock. The Task Force has also been among the State's most ardent supporters of utilizing organic waste for the creation of biofuels or other type of renewable energy. Proven and safe conversion technologies such as anaerobic digestion are capable of creating biofuels from organic waste that would otherwise be disposed. However, while these technologies provide a multitude of benefits, they are costly to startup and require large capital investment. This tax incentive could assist with the initial financing of these types of biofuel projects.

The Task Force also contends this legislation is closely aligned with the original intent of this tax incentive: to promote, among other things, California-based jobs and the reduction of greenhouse gases. The Task Force believes this tax incentive would assist in the development of California's market for renewable fuel and energy, by encouraging investment in new and innovative low-carbon fuel or other renewable energy projects within the State.

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

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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, 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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature** on AB 199. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste management Task Force and
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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