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To: Members, California State Assembly

From: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force)

Re: OPPOSE AB 45 (AMENDED JANUARY 21, 2016) – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

For the reasons listed, the Task Force **opposes** Assembly Bill 45, which would preempt cities and counties from adopting local ordinances which reflect local conditions in order to implement sustainable solutions to handle difficult-to-manage products at the end of their useful life.

- AB 45 would preempt/prohibit jurisdictions from adopting ordinances in order to implement proactive approaches to protect the health and safety of their residents, businesses and the environment.
- AB 45 would redefine pharmaceuticals and sharps as household hazardous waste, thereby placing an unfunded State mandate on local governments to expend additional resources without any shared responsibility by manufacturers of these products.
- The Bill's "Finding and Declaration" takes for granted "curbside collection, door-to-door collection and residential pick up services" are preferable while a Task Force survey indicates these types of programs extremely expensive and participation levels are comparable to periodic collection event and permanent center based approaches for HHW collection and diversion.
- AB 45 disregards Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) despite California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) strong support of this principle as a **key strategy to reach the 75 percent State adopted diversion goals**.

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 Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a Countywide basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the **Task Force opposes AB 45 and respectfully request you NAY vote on the Bill**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

CC: Assembly Member Kevin Mullin