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TO: California State Assembly Members

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 1857 (CRISTINA GARCIA) AS INTRODUCED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – SOLID WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your **Nay** on Assembly Bill 1857 (AB 1857), as introduced on February 8, 2022, **unless amended** to address the concerns expressed below.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would require CalRecycle to certify that a local agency is in compliance with requirements to maximize source reduction, recycling, and composting before approving a permit for a new transformation, Engineered Municipal Solid Waste (EMSW), or land disposal facility serving the local agency.

While the Task Force supports efforts for zero waste strategies, this bill would severely impact the ability of jurisdictions to make use of new technologies to process post recycled residual waste and divert it from landfills in the future. The Task Force recommends (a) revising all references from "transformation" to "incineration" by adding "Section **40141.1** to the Public Resources Code (PRC) to read 'For provision of any law except as provided in this section, **incineration** means the destruction of solid, liquid, or gaseous wastes through high temperature burning.' Transformation does not include incineration."; and (b) Continue to allow SERRF and Covanta facilities which are in operation and serving jurisdictions in the Los Angeles and Stanislaus Counties to be eligible for a maximum of **not** more than 10 percent diversion through utilization of the said two existing facilities as currently allowed by state law {Section 41783 (a) (5) of the PRC.

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 addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Thank you for consideration of our request for your Nay vote on AB 1857, as introduced on February 8, 2022, **unless amended** to address the concerns expressed in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia