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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 68 (GALGIANI) AS AMENDED JULY 3, 2019 –
HAZARDOUS WASTE: TREATED WOOD WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 68 (SB 68), as amended July 3, 2019.

Existing state law requires the wood preserving industry in consultation with the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) make information available to generators of treated wood waste that describes how to best handle, dispose of, and otherwise manage treated waste. This requirement, as well as provisions requiring treated wood products' wholesalers/retailers to provide specified information to consumers of these products are due to sunset on January 1, 2021. If enacted, SB 68 would, among other things, delete the said sunset date, thereby extending provisions for the proper generation, use, and management of treated wood waste indefinitely. The bill would also require the wood preserving industry to prepare, in consultation with the DTSC, updated/expanded outreach materials on the appropriate handling, disposal, and other management of treated wood waste for generators of treated wood waste and for facilities that may receive or handle treated wood waste. The bill would require the wood preserving industry to annually update and renew the outreach materials, disseminate the outreach materials, and provide a specified update to DTSC relating to that dissemination.

Further, the proposed legislation would authorize treated wood waste to be reused only if certain conditions apply, including that the reuse occurs onsite at the facility at which the treated wood waste was generated.

The Task Force is in support of such a measure because while treated wood products have many beneficial uses, its proper management and disposal as a hazardous waste is critical

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for human health and safety as well as to prevent contamination of our environment and waste stream.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and 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 and 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, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 68. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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