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The Honorable Lloyd Levine
The State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6011
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 338 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2005)
CRUMB RUBBER**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) supports Assembly Bill 338-Recycling: Crumb Rubber.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared by the County and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system, the Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a Countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities--Los Angeles County Division, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

AB 338, if enacted, would require the State Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to use asphalt containing crumb rubber in State highway, construction, and repair projects in progressively larger proportions over the coming decade. Rubberized asphalt products have been proven to be an economically and technically superior product to standard asphalt in many design situations. This Bill would stimulate the waste tire recycling market, increase demand, encourage investment by manufacturers in new equipment, enhance the cost competitiveness of recycled waste tire products, and reduce landfill disposal and illegal and legal stockpiles of waste tires. Although an

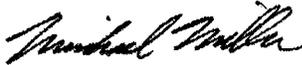
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earlier version of this bill was vetoed due to potential trade issues, it's our understanding that these issues were subsequently resolved.

The Task Force has a long record of supporting legislation that promotes the use of recycled materials and enhances recycling markets throughout the State.

Therefore, the Task Force supports AB 338. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Very truly yours,



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