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Mr. Alan C. Lloyd  
Agency Secretary  
Department of Toxic Substances  
Control Headquarters  
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
P.O. Box 806  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

Dear Secretary Lloyd:

### **REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE LANDFILL BAN ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed landfill ban targeting certain categories of universal waste (e.g., household batteries, mercury thermostats, fluorescent tubes, and electronic devices). The landfill ban is scheduled to begin on February 9, 2006. The Task Force **strongly opposes** allowing this landfill ban to move forward until the State develops a strategic plan for managing these materials, makes manufacturers responsible, and considers the costs to local governments. We are very concerned that the State will implement the landfill ban and subsequently compel local governments to enforce the ban and fund the necessary collection/recycling programs to manage these materials.

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 for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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.

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We stand ready to work with your agency to develop the strategic plan to establish the necessary infrastructure and funding mechanisms to appropriately manage these categories of universal waste. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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