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The Honorable Pedro Nava
State Capitol
Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 94249-0035

Dear Assembly Member Nava:

**RECYCLED AGGREGATE BASE IN STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
ASSEMBLY BILL 1001 – APRIL 19, 2005 VERSION**

In May of this year, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) voted to support Assembly Bill 1001 (AB 1001), as amended April 19, 2005. That version of the Bill would have required the California Department of Transportation to annually phase in the use of recycled aggregate base (RAB) in State highway construction and repair projects to at least 50 percent of the total amount used on and after January 1, 2006, and 75 percent by January 1, 2009, thereby providing a much needed boost to the recycling industry in California.

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 in Los Angeles County. 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, 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.

We were disappointed to learn that AB 1001 was subsequently amended, which removed any mention of this issue, and the relevant provisions of the Bill were not incorporated into any other legislative proposals during the 2005 legislative session. While we understand

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that legislation is a fluid and evolving process with a multitude of priorities, we hope you agree that increasing the use of RAB remains an important priority for the State of California. By phasing in the increased use of RAB, the April 19, 2005, version of AB 1001 would have strengthened the market for recycled aggregate and diverted thousands of tons of base material from disposal, helping to reduce our dependence on landfills consistent with those goals set by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939).

Therefore, we respectfully request that similar language be reintroduced in the 2006 legislative session to make use of the State's ample supply of RAB for prospective highway construction projects. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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