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The Honorable Christine Kehoe  
State Capitol, Room 4040  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Kehoe:

**SENATE BILL 140 (AMENDED ON MAY 1, 2007)  
RENEWABLE DIESEL FUEL**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 140 (SB 140), which among other things, would require all diesel fuel sold for use in internal combustion engines to contain at least 2 percent renewable diesel.

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 with a combined population in excess of 10 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, 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.

Pursuant to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Bioenergy Action Plan, California is striving to increase its production and use of renewable fuels made from biomass, which can be derived from post-residual municipal solid waste. The Governor's plan recognizes that residual post-recycled solid waste is a significant component of the biomass spectrum, comprising as much as 75% of the waste stream, and unlike other biomass resources, has a well-developed collection and processing infrastructure.

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Currently, California disposes of over 40 million tons of residual, post-recycled solid waste each year. This tonnage composes a significant amount of wasted resources that can be put to a higher and better use through conversion technologies, producing usable products, clean burning fuels (i.e. biodiesel), and renewable energy. Replacing a percentage of petroleum diesel with biodiesel will spur the production of biodiesel derived from biomass and promote investment of green technologies. The development of in-State infrastructure is necessary to produce renewable energy, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and decrease the State's reliance on foreign oil and fossil fuels.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** SB 140. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
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Each Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation  
California Air Resources Board  
California Energy Commission  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Each Member of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors  
Each City Mayor in the County of Los Angeles  
California State Association of Counties  
League of California Cities  
League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division  
Southern California Association of Governments  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County  
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force