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The Honorable Loni Hancock
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249-0014

Dear Chairwoman Hancock:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2253 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2006)
CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES USED IN ILLEGAL DUMPING ACTIVITIES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2253, which would allow law enforcement officials to confiscate vehicles used in illegal dumping activities.

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.

The Task Force applauds your efforts to sponsor legislation that will assist in the deterrence of illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is a significant problem in many communities throughout Los Angeles County. Illegal dumping poses a threat to public health and safety, reduces the quality of life, lowers property values, and harms the environment. One tool local governments (including many jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles) have utilized to combat illegal dumping is the passage of enabling ordinances that allow law enforcement officials to confiscate vehicles used in the act of illegal dumping. By authorizing the seizure and forfeiture of a vehicle used for illegal dumping, Assembly Bill 2253 would extend this authorization to all law enforcement officials in the State without the need for each of California's 536 jurisdictions to adopt an ordinance. This

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provides a useful tool for law enforcement while making vehicle confiscation more consistent throughout the State.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** Assembly Bill 2253. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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