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March 17, 2008

The Honorable Audra Strickland
State Capitol, Room 4208
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Dear Assembly Member Strickland:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2625 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2008)
REDEFINING RENEWABLE DIESEL FUEL**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports in concept** Assembly Bill 2625 (AB 2625), which would establish standards for defining "biodiesel" and "renewable diesel," and establishes that fuel derived from non-petroleum renewable resources, including municipal solid waste, would be considered "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 ten 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.

AB 2625 if enacted, would establish standards for defining the terms "biodiesel" and "renewable diesel," in order to establish their use in California. AB 2625 also establishes that fuel derived from non-petroleum renewable resources, including municipal solid waste, would be considered "renewable diesel." As California strives to increase its production and use of renewable fuels made from biomass, including municipal solid waste and other waste

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products as called for in the Governor's Bioenergy Action Plan, AB 2625 can help to realize these goals by establishing a pathway for the development and use of bio-based and renewable fuels.

By establishing these definitions, AB 2625 can set in motion the changes necessary to maximize our beneficial use of waste and biomass materials, decrease our reliance on foreign oil and fossil fuels, and improve the general health of our State's environment and economy.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports in concept** AB 2625. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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cc: Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez
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