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The Honorable Pedro Nava  
State Capitol, Room 4040  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Nava:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 484 (INTRODUCED ON FEBRUARY 20, 2007)  
INCREASING USE OF RECYCLED AGGREGATE BASE BY CALTRANS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 484 (AB 484), which among other things, would require the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to phase in the use of recycled aggregate base for at least 50 percent of the total amount of aggregate base used on and after January 1, 2008, and for at least 75 percent used on and after January 1, 2009, for State highway construction and repair projects.

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.

AB 484, if enacted, would provide a much needed boost to the recycled aggregate market by diverting thousands of tons of base material from disposal and toward use in State highway and construction projects. AB 484 would require Caltrans to annually

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phase in the use of recycled aggregate base in State highway construction or repair projects, unless the Director of Caltrans determines that the use of these materials are not cost effective.

According to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, in 2003 nearly one million tons of asphalt pavement and concrete materials were disposed of in California landfills. This amount could have been better utilized as road base for the streets and highways Caltrans services. By utilizing recycled aggregate, California can help promote the use of recycled concrete and asphalt while saving our diminishing landfill capacity.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 484. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Clark*

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Each Member of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation  
California Integrated Waste Management Board  
California Department of Transportation  
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  
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