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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Chesbro:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1021 (AMENDED APRIL 22, 2013)  
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY: RECYCLED FEEDSTOCK**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports if amended** Assembly Bill 1021 (AB 1021). If enacted this bill would expand eligibility for financial assistance from the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (Authority) for projects that process or utilize recycled feedstock that is intended to be reused in the production of another product or soil amendment.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 (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 the 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

The Task Force has long supported measures that would encourage the full utilization of recycled feedstock. The Task Force has also been an ardent supporter of conversion technologies which are non-combustion thermal, biological, and chemical process that are capable of converting post recycled solid waste into useful products. However, we are concerned that the language in AB 1021 is too board, allowing any project that utilizes recycled materials to apply for funding without any thresholds of significance or prioritization.

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In addition, it is unclear if the bill would allow conversion technologies to qualify for the funding, although conversion technologies are more closely aligned to the original intent of this funding source. In light of limited funding for the program, prioritization is essential for the full realization of the intent of this measure as well to limit or avoid funding projects that utilize marginal amounts of recycled feedstock.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 1021 **only if it is amended** to clarify the types of projects that would be included to prioritize projects and include conversion technologies.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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