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TO: Members, California State Senate

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUPPORT AB 2153 (AS AMENDED AUGUST 9, 2016) – LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECOVERY AND RECYCLING ACT

For the reasons listed, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 2153 as amended. Among other things, the bill:

- Would require dealers to accept a used lead-acid battery of the same type and size, at no cost, when selling a new battery. Further, the bill
- Would establish fees on new lead-acid batteries to fund the clean-up of contamination caused by improper handling and/or disposal of lead-acid batteries.
- Would establish a California battery fee in the amount of \$1 to be imposed on a person for each replacement lead-acid battery purchased and a manufacturer battery fee of \$1 to be imposed on a manufacturer of lead-acid batteries for each lead-acid battery it sells in California, for deposit into the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund.
- Would create the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Account to be funded by the above fees for use by the Department of Toxic Substances Control for purposes of response actions at areas of the state that have been contaminated by the production, recycling, or improper disposal of lead-acid batteries, administration of the fund, and reimbursement of certain loans for lead cleanup.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force is also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the **Task Force SUPPORTS AB 2153 and requests your AYE vote on the bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Christina Garcia