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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
Capitol Office, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2287 (EGGMAN AND TING) AS AMENDED ON MAY 5, 2020 – SOLID WASTE: PLASTIC PRODUCTS: CERTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2287 (AB 2287), as amended on May 5, 2020.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would authorize the director of CalRecycle to issue guidelines for determining whether a plastic product is not compliant with the labeling requirements for compostable plastic, and whether a plastic product is designed, pigmented, or advertised in a manner that is misleading to consumers. Furthermore, the bill authorizes the director to adopt the European Committee for Standardization's standard specification 17033:2018, Plastics – Biodegradable mulch films for use in agriculture and horticulture – Requirements and test methods, revise and rename the “OK home compost” definition to the “OK compost HOME certification” to demonstrate conformity with the TUV Austria certification, defines “commercial agricultural mulch film” to mean film plastic that is used only as a technical tool in commercial farming applications, removes reference to “marine degradable” plastic, and authorizes a person to sell commercial agricultural mulch film labeled with the term “soil biodegradable” only if the director has adopted the standard and it meets the standard.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), 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

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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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2287 as indicated on this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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