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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez-Fletcher:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 2832 (DAHLE) RECYCLING AND REUSE:  
LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES – INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2832 (AB 2832), as introduced February 16, 2018, **if amended** to include the recommendation in this letter.

If enacted, AB 2832 would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to develop a grant program to fund recycling and reuse of lithium-ion batteries from electric vehicles, and CalRecycle to develop a process for consumers to properly dispose of lithium-ion batteries from electric vehicles, at no cost to consumers.

The Task Force supports the proposed measure as it is consistent with the comments the Task Force provided to DTSC on February 28, 2018, to include lithium-ion batteries in their Three Year (2018-2020) Priority Product Work Plan. While the bill adequately addresses lithium-ion batteries from electric vehicles, it does not address and/or provide for proper management/handling of non-electric vehicle lithium ion batteries. The Task Force recommends amending the measure to include all types of lithium-ion batteries as their use has become prevalent and diverse in our society.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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

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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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2832 **if amended** to include all types of lithium-ion batteries. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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