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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 2908 (BERMAN) AS AMENDED JULY 2, 2018 – TIRE RECYCLING: CALIFORNIA TIRE REGULATORY FEE AND WASTE TIRE PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Assembly Bill 2908 (AB 2908), as amended June 14, 2018, **unless amended** to address the concerns expressed in this letter.

If enacted, AB 2908 would require tire retailers to pay a California tire **regulatory fee** (emphasis added), on a quarterly basis, at an amount to be determined by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) not exceeding \$1.00 per tire to generate sufficient revenues for CalRecycle regulatory cost of the program. The bill would also repeal the Rubberized Pavement Market Development program and instead enact the Tire Recycling Incentive program.

The Task Force acknowledges the worthy goals outlined in AB 2908 to more efficiently manage tire waste and tire waste material for beneficial reuse, as well as the bill's notable stated policy goal for not less than 75 percent of tires generated to be source reduced or recycled in the state annually.

However, the Task Force has concerns with several provisions in this bill. First, the bill requires CalRecycle to determine the types of programs the tire regulatory fee would fund without considering input from local governments. The Task Force recommends an amendment to include local governments in identifying programs that would be most beneficial for their jurisdictions. In addition, the bill does not detail how the estimated \$38 million/year of new fees collected would be distributed. Therefore, the Task Force recommends the bill be amended to require that distribution of the new fees collected is done on a per capita basis.

Furthermore, the bill would repeal the Rubberized Pavement Market Development (RPMD) Act program which has been providing financial assistance to local governments for the use in construction of rubberized pavements as well as the use of rubberized slurry seal to increase the life longevity of existing asphalt pavements. This program is being funded by the existing

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\$1.75 per new tire fee (emphasis added). The Task Force would not be supportive of policies which may negatively impact this highly successful program and recommends amending the bill to keep it in place. Lastly, the Task Force recommends expanding RPMD program eligibility to include home owners' associations (HOAs).

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 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 **Opposes AB 2908 unless amended** to address the concerns expressed in 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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