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August 8, 2019

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

Dear Senator Portantino:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 792 (TING) AS AMENDED ON JULY 5, 2019 –  
RECYCLING: PLASTIC CONTAINERS: MINIMUM RECYCLED CONTENT AND  
LABELING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 792 (AB 792), as amended on July 5, 2019.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would:

1. Require a plastic beverage container filled with a beverage by a beverage manufacturer to contain specified amounts of postconsumer recycled plastic content pursuant to a tiered plan that would require the beverage container to contain no less than 75 percent postconsumer recycled plastic content on and after January 1, 2030. The bill would impose civil penalties on a beverage manufacturer for a violation of these requirements. The bill would authorize CalRecycle to enforce these provisions and would authorize CalRecycle to conduct audits and inspections of a beverage manufacturer for the purpose of ensuring compliance. The bill would require penalties collected to be deposited in the Recycling Enhancement Penalty Account, which the bill would create.
2. Require, starting March 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, a manufacturer of a beverage sold in a plastic beverage container to report to CalRecycle, in pounds and by resin type, the amount of virgin plastic and postconsumer recycled plastic used in the plastic beverage containers filled with a beverage by the beverage manufacturer in the previous year that are sold in the state.

The Task Force has been a consistent proponent of expanding recycling markets, and by establishing a high level postconsumer recycled plastic content minimum standard in the manufacturing of plastic beverage containers the proposal will provide a greatly much-needed expansion of the recycled plastic market.

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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 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 792 as amended on July 5, 2019. 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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