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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 793 (ENROLLED ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020) – RECYCLING: PLASTIC BEVERAGE CONTAINERS:
MINIMUM RECYCLED CONTENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 793 (AB 793).

AB 793 would impose specified minimum postconsumer content standards for plastic beverage containers subject to the California Redemption Value (CRV) that requires the beverage container to contain, on average, no less than 50% postconsumer recycled plastic content by January 1, 2030, with the following schedule: 15 percent postconsumer recycled plastic per year between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2024; and 25 percent between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2029. Commencing January 1, 2025, the bill would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on an annual basis to review and adjust the required minimum postconsumer recycled content percentage, based on a number of defined factors, such as changes in market conditions, availability or recycled plastic suitable to meet the minimum recycled content requirements of this bill, and capacity of recycling or processing infrastructure. Among other things, the bill would also authorize CalRecycle to conduct audits and investigations and take enforcement action against a beverage manufacturer for the purpose of ensuring compliance with these requirements.

The Task Force is in support AB 793 because it would establish an economic level of post-consumer recycled content while supporting economic threshold for recycled 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 793 and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. 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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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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