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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1860 (ENROLLED AUGUST 31, 2008)  
PROPER DISPOSAL OF RECALLED PRODUCTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature** on Assembly Bill 1860 (AB 1860). AB 1860 would among other things, require the manufacturer of a recalled product to properly dispose of the product and not export the product or permit it to be exported for disposal in a manner that poses a significant risk to the public health or the environment.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

AB 1860, the "Product Recall Safety and Protection Act", would among other things, prohibit retailers from selling products that are deemed unsafe, and require a manufacturer whose product is recalled to initiate specified steps within 24 hours to notify consumers of the product's recall, either directly or through information posted on their website or at the retail location where the product was sold. Every year, millions of common household products are subject to recall, some of which are found to be contaminated with hazardous materials that may be improperly disposed. At present, State and Federal laws do not require manufacturers whose products are subject to recall to ensure that their products are

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properly disposed. AB 1860 would remediate this situation by requiring manufacturers to ensure that their recalled products are properly disposed and not haphazardly tossed into our local landfills, where their product can threaten public health and safety, or sent to other locations where environmental laws may not fully protect the environment from these contaminated products.

AB 1860 is a positive step in shifting California towards manufacturer responsibility for the full life cycle of products, rather than burdening local governments and taxpayers, thereby reducing public costs and driving improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability and safety. Therefore, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature** on AB 1860. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
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