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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 2398 (TO ENROLLMENT AUGUST 31, 2010)
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP: CARPET**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature on** Assembly Bill 2398 (AB 2398). This bill would require carpet manufacturers to develop a product stewardship plan to ensure the safe collection and proper management of carpet waste in California.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 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, 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.

If enacted, AB 2398 would shift the responsibility for the safe and proper disposal of carpet waste onto the manufacturers and other entities involved in the product chain by requiring manufacturers to develop and implement a product stewardship plan which includes a funding mechanism that provides sufficient funding to carry out the plan. The Task Force is a strong supporter of product stewardship as a mechanism for protecting the public health and safety and the environment at the source thereby addressing the highest rung of the waste management hierarchy, source reduction, which in turn reduces end-of-life management costs for local governments.

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Therefore, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature** on AB 2398. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County
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