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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro  
State Capitol Room 2176  
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Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 478 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2009)  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: SOLID WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Assembly Bill 478 (AB 478), which would duplicate the existing requirement that the State Air Resource Board (ARB) needs to consult with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) in developing the regulations for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from solid waste reduction and recycling.

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 the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 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, 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.

The Task Force recognizes the important role that effective solid waste management and waste reduction can play in significantly decreasing GHG emissions, and have advocated for policies that can assist in promoting such efforts. However, AB 478 would amend State law simply to require the ARB to consult with the Waste Board in developing relevant GHG regulations. Since the ARB is already required to consult with all stakeholders in establishing these regulations, this bill is unnecessary. Furthermore, the bill implies that the Waste Board is in need of a special legislative designation in

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order to provide input on the regulatory process, which has not been the case. Therefore the Task Force **opposes** AB 478. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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