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TO: California State Senators

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 818 (BLOOM) AS AMENDED ON JULY 1, 2021 – SOLID WASTE: PREMOISTENED NONWOVEN DISPOSABLE WIPES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 818 (AB 818), as amended on July 1, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and a related symbol. The bill would also prohibit manufacturers from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes. Additionally, AB 818, until January 1, 2027, would establish the California Consumer Education and Outreach Program, under which manufacturers and retailers would be required to participate in a collection study conducted in collaboration with wastewater agencies for the purpose of gaining understanding of consumer behavior regarding the flushing of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes and to conduct a comprehensive multimedia education and outreach program in the state.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because the bill would help to ensure the proper disposal of the covered personal hygiene/cleaning products to protect public health, the environment, and combat problems to public sewage infrastructure caused by improperly flushing these products.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS AB 818 and requests your AYE vote on the bill.** 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.

cc: Assembly Member Bloom