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The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair
Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety
and Toxic Materials
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 818 (BLOOM) AS INTRODUCED ON FEBRUARY 16, 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 introduced on February 16, 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, 2017, 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. Reports must be filed with the Legislature and the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) on activities under the program and would require the Board to post the reports on its internet website.

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.

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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 818 as indicated in this letter. 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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