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May 11, 2012

The Honorable Joe Simitian, Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Simitian:

**OPPOSE - SENATE BILL 1106 (AMENDED APRIL 18, 2012)  
RECYCLING: REUSABLE BAGS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Senate Bill 1106 (SB 1106) which, if enacted would, among other things, require manufacturers of reusable bags to affix a warning label with specified language as well as repeal the sunset date of AB 2449 (Levin, 2006) which established at-store plastic bag recycling requirements.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 (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 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.

The Task Force is supportive of efforts to increase plastic bag recycling and reduce usage of plastic and paper carryout bags. As such, the Task Force has gone on record for support of Assembly Bill 1834 (AB 1834) which is also currently in your committee. AB 1834 sets a reasonable reusable bag manufacturing standard that mirrors standards that have been in place at a number of local jurisdictions in the State that have proven effective. However, SB 1106 unreasonably requires manufacturers to affix a warning label to reusable bags with a statement lacking unbiased scientific backing. The Bill permits CalRecycle to initiate a study that would perhaps establish scientific evidence for such a statement; however, at this point there is no foundation for such a statement.

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For these reasons, the Task Force **opposes** SB 1106. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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