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September 19, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SIGNATURE REQUEST: SENATE BILL 804
(LAST AMENDED SEPTEMBER 11, 2013) - SOLID WASTE: ENERGY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature** on Senate Bill 804 (SB 804). This bill would revise the definition of “biomass conversion” to include conversion technologies capable of converting biomass (a defined set of source separated compostable organic solid waste) into marketable products and fuels through non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes.

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, 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 inclusion of conversion technologies in the definition of “biomass conversion” would allow jurisdictions increased flexibility to manage biomass waste. Without more options, biomass waste may need to be transported to facilities hundreds of miles away, which are both economically and environmentally costly.

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The Task Force has long been a strong supporter of the development of conversion technologies in California as a way to reduce dependence on landfills, generate energy, and produce fuels. Therefore, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature** on SB 804 as amended on September 11, 2013. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Each City Mayor and City Manager in the County of Los Angeles
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