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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lara:

**SENATE BILL 1383 (AMENDED APRIL 12, 2016) - OPPOSE
SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). SB 1383 would require the State Air Resources Board (CARB) to approve and begin implementing a strategy to significantly reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.

The Task Force is familiar with the substantial threat of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and specifically short-lived climate pollutants such as methane, hydrofluorocarbon gases, and anthropogenic black carbon, and the resulting overall decrease of quality of life they cause for residents and the environment. The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), which required a reduction of GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, reinforced California's environmental leadership standing. In its first update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan, which was released in 2014, CARB indicated that the State is on track to achieve the GHG emission reduction targets. However, the legislature has yet to establish a GHG emission reduction policy beyond 2020. The Task Force is concerned SB 1383 will create overlapping policies that are inconsistent with what the legislature has established pursuant to AB 32, while authorizing CARB to approve and begin implementing a strategy without a legislative vetting process.

The Task Force is supportive of efforts to reduce GHG emissions in order to stem climate change. The first update to the Scoping Plan identifies short-lived climate pollutants as already being regulated by CARB. It would be counterproductive to authorize CARB to regulate specific GHGs on a separate metric while they measure these same elements pursuant to AB 32. This will create confusion and frustration for industry with the possibility that reductions pursuant to SB 1383 will not count towards reductions related to AB 32.

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Moreover, authorizing CARB to approve and implement a strategy with no legislative accountability is a dangerous precedent. While, the Task Force believes CARB has good intentions for the State, implementing strategies that have not been vetted for efficacy, business climate, cost, and among other considerations, could amount to unintended consequences for the State's business climate while providing little to no benefit for residents.

For the foregoing reasons, the Task Force **opposes** SB 1383. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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