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August 30, 2016

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

Dear Governor Brown:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – SENATE BILL 423 (ENROLLED AUGUST 26, 2016)**  
**SURPLUS HOUSEHOLD CONSUMER PRODUCT WASTE: MANAGEMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 423 (SB 423). If enacted, this bill would convene a Retail Waste Working Group to consider and make findings and recommendations relating to requirements for the management of surplus household consumer products, including household hazardous waste (HHW) or pharmaceutical waste, as well as, waste reduction opportunities for those products.

The Task Force supports SB 423's proposal to assemble a working group of relevant stakeholders to partake in a collective management strategy, including retail entities, nongovernment organizations, district attorneys, pertinent State agencies, manufacturers, and distributors. Plus, the most recent inclusion of local governments which are mandated by State law to serve as the initial front line of waste collection and its ultimate final management. The establishment of this group will help develop policies that will facilitate alternatives for surplus household consumer products, which will decrease the disposal of these items and further aid with waste diversion.

The Task Force also takes note of the opportunity that SB 423 could potentially wield the State to expand and further promote Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in the management of surplus household consumer products. As highlighted in the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) 2015 AB 341 Report to the Legislature, which provided a long-term strategy for achieving and sustaining the State's 75 Percent Initiative for landfill diversion, EPR provides a framework to support the highest and best use of many disposed materials. Since 2008, the Task Force has been an active supporter of EPR policies in order to lessen the financial burden placed on local governments' programs while providing their residents with increased convenient options to properly dispose of unwanted 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 [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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force supports SB 423, and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County  
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force