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The Honorable Laura Friedman, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED – SENATE BILL 667 (HUESO) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 17, 2019 –  
GREENHOUSE GASES: RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports if amended** Senate Bill 667 (SB 667), as amended on June 17, 2019, if amended to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would, among other things, require CalRecycle to develop, on or before January 1, 2021, a five-year investment strategy to drive innovation and support technological development and infrastructure, in order to meet specified organic waste reduction and recycling targets, as provided. The bill would require, on or before June 1, 2021, CalRecycle, in coordination with the Treasurer and the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, to develop financial incentive mechanisms, including, among other mechanisms, loans and incentive payments to fund and accelerate public and private capital towards organic waste diversion and recycling infrastructure. The bill would authorize the authority to provide any alternative financing necessary to implement and administer those financial incentive mechanisms for the benefit of public or private participating parties, in accordance with the investment strategy. The bill would create the California Recycling Infrastructure Investment Account in the State Treasury, to be administered by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, CalRecycle's investments in waste diversion projects have been among the state's most cost-effective climate investments, reducing carbon emissions by one-tenth the average cost of Cap & Trade (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) investments. Adopting the proposed organic waste investment strategy that support bioenergy and recycling projects while reducing landfill waste disposal and helping meet the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant requirements of SB 1383 (Lara, 2016), is strongly recommended. Converting organic waste to renewable energy and low carbon fuels will also help the state to meet its renewable energy goals and provide climate resilience for local communities by converting local organic waste to local energy supplies.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** the proposed legislation **if amended** to also include:

- Outline the components to be included in the investment strategy including post-recycled municipal solid waste diversion by conversion technologies, and
- For the strategy to identify the projected ideal and necessary financial investment amounts from both the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and investors to fund the needed levels infrastructure for organic waste reduction and recycling.

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** SB 667 **if amended** to include the recommendations in this letter. If you have any questions, 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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