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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 726 (CABALLERO) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 25, 2019 –  
HAZARDOUS WASTE: PUBLIC AGENCIES: MATERIALS EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 726 (SB 726), as amended on June 25, 2019.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would define “materials exchange program” for these purposes to mean a program conducted at a household hazardous waste collection facility that makes reusable household hazardous products or materials available to recipients. The bill would additionally authorize a public agency’s contractor to conduct a materials exchange program and would require the contractor to provide the same instructions to a recipient. The bill would revise the requirements for the preparation and implementation of a quality assurance plan to require, among other things, a quality assurance plan prepared by a public agency, or its contractor, be implemented at each household hazardous waste collection facility operated by the public agency, or its contractor, at which a materials exchange program is operated.

The bill would require a recipient of a reusable household hazardous product or material to use the product or material in conformance with its label, use appropriate personal protection, and manage unused products or materials as required by applicable California law, or as required by any applicable law in the state in which the product or material is discarded. The bill would impose additional requirements on certain recipients that are commercial entities, including, that those commercial entities sign a statement certifying the accuracy of certain information under penalty of perjury. The bill would require a public agency or its contractor, to immediately discontinue providing reusable household hazardous products or materials to a commercial entity if the commercial entity cannot verify its compliance with the additional requirements. The bill would require transportation of a reusable household hazardous product or material by a public agency or its contractor, or by a recipient, to be in compliance with, among other things, all applicable shipping requirements of the United States Department of Transportation.

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The Task Force supports the proposed legislation as it allows greater reuse of Household Hazardous Waste material than is currently being allowed which supports state and local solid waste diversion mandates and goals.

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 726. 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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