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The Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
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Dear Assembly Member Holden:

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 1215 (NEWMAN) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 20, 2022 –
ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING ACT OF 2003: COVERED BATTERY-
EMBEDDED PRODUCTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 1215 (SB 1215), as amended on June 20, 2022.

SB 1215 would revise the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to include safe and proper collection of battery embedded devices. Commencing on and after January 1, 2026, SB 1215 prohibits the sale of new or refurbished covered battery-embedded product unless the product is labeled with the name of the manufacturer or the manufacturer's brand label so that it is readily visible and labeled with information identifying the chemistry of the embedded product. California consumers will pay a covered electronic waste recycling fee of an undetermined amount upon the purchase of a new or refurbished covered battery-embedded product.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would create a proper and safe collection program for batteries and products embedded with batteries which are often discarded in curbside solid waste containers or recyclable bins posing battery fire threats to solid waste collection personnel, transportation vehicles, and recycling facilities.

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

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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 1215 as amended on June 20, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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