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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger

**SENATE BILL 1357 (ENROLLED AUGUST 31, 2008)
BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION GRANTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature** on Senate Bill 1357 (SB 1357). SB 1357 would, among other things, authorize the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to expend up to \$20 million dollars in beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs and grants between July 1, 2009, and January 1, 2012.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

SB 1357 would revise the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act to authorize the DOC to expend up to \$20 million between July 1, 2009, and January 1, 2012, for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs and grants, and amend current law pertaining to how processing payments are calculated.

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SB 1357 would provide much needed funding to assist local governments in their recycling and litter reduction programs and help them to expand recycling, address litter problems, and allow for various infrastructure improvements to divert recyclables from being landfilled.

Therefore, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature on SB 1357**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592 1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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Council Member, City of Rosemead

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Each City Mayor in Los Angeles County
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Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County
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Task Force