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April 28, 2022

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair Senate Committee on Appropriations State Capitol, Room 412 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 983 (EGGMAN) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 21, 2022 – CONSUMER WARRANTY PROTECTION: EXPRESS WARRANTIES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 983 (SB 983), as amended on April 21, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the manufacturer of an electronic or appliance product to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, sufficient service literature, at no charge, and prescribed functional parts and tools, including documentation, tools, software and parts needed to disable the lock or function during the course of the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of a product, to owners of the product, service and repair facilities, and service dealers. The bill would also require a service and repair facility or service dealer that is not an authorized facility or dealer of a manufacturer to provide a written notice containing specified information related to warranties to any customer seeking repair of an electronic or appliance product before the repair facility or service dealer repairs the product.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would make it possible for consumers to repair a product that can be fixed if not for manufacturer restrictions. Instead of discarding and purchasing similar products, repair extends the useful life of products and reduces early landfilling of items.

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 983 as amended on April 21, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Sam Shammas, Vice-Chair Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force

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