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September 10, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SIGNATURE REQUEST - ASSEMBLY BILL 1442 (WIECKOWSKI)  
PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 1442** (AB 1442).

Current law requires pharmaceutical waste to be transported by certified medical waste haulers. Authorizing this waste to be handled by common carriers with provisions to ensure public health and safety would significantly reduce the costs for transporting and ultimately managing pharmaceutical waste. Since local municipalities are routinely tasked with collecting unwanted pharmaceuticals, AB 1442, if enacted, would reduce the local governments' expenditure for the management of this type of waste. It would also reduce the cost for medical facilities to properly dispose of pharmaceutical waste, thereby reducing the chance of illegal disposal of medical waste.

As provided by Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939, 1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

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For these foregoing reasons, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature on AB 1442**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Integrated Waste management Task Force and  
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