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

Dear Governor Brown:

**VETO REQUEST - ASSEMBLY BILL 549 (CARTER & WIECKOWSKI)
RECYCLING: ELECTRONIC WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) has reviewed Assembly Bill 549 (AB 549) and **respectfully requests that you veto this bill**. The bill, if enacted, would require CalRecycle to establish documentation requirements to prove that electronic waste covered under the Hazardous Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 (Act) was generated in California and eligible for recycling/recovery payment pursuant to the Act.

Tasking CalRecycle to develop documentation requirements that prove covered electronic waste (CEW) was generated within the State beyond simple proof of in-State residency seems impractical for the reasons listed below:

- The requirement would put a strain on Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste programs administered by local governments in a time when funding is scarce.
 - Additional staff would be required in order to verify the CEW was generated in-State. Moreover, it is our understanding that this bill stems from unscrupulous electronic waste collectors importing loads of electronic waste from out of the State in order to receive payment from CalRecycle for the waste. However, this practice is largely nonexistent at local government administered events.
 - Attendance at these events largely depends on the convenience of a quick drop-off of items by consumers. In the event residents were required to show proof of in-State generation of their CEW, it would potentially slow the process down considerably.
- If consumers of CEW are turned away at E-Waste recycling events and centers, it would likely lead to illegal disposal of these products with potentially detrimental damage to the environment as well as additional costs to local governments in order to collect and properly manage the illegally disposed CEW.

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- Consumers of CEW generally use these products for a number of years. It should be assumed that most do not maintain documentation that can prove the products were purchased and used in-State.

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.

For the reasons discussed above, the Task Force **respectfully requests** that you **veto** AB 549. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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