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

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 338 (ENROLLED AUGUST 26, 2004)
RECYCLING: CRUMB RUBBER**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) recommends your signature of Assembly Bill 338—Recycling: Crumb Rubber.

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 by the County and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system in the County of Los Angeles, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management 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.

AB 338 would require the State Department of Transportation to use asphalt containing crumb rubber in state highway, construction, and repair projects in progressively larger proportions over the next few years. Rubberized asphalt products have been proven to be economically and technically superior to standard asphalt products in many design situations. This bill would develop and stimulate the waste tire recycling market in California. By increasing demand, manufacturers would be encouraged to invest in equipment, thereby enhancing the cost-competitiveness of recycled waste tire products and ultimately reducing the landfill disposal of waste tires. The Task Force has a long

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record of support for legislation that promotes the use of recycled materials and enhances the recycling market Statewide.

Therefore, the Task Force recommends your signature of AB 338. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Michael Miller, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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