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The Honorable Roger Niello
State Capitol, Room 6027
Sacramento, CA 94249-0005

Dear Assembly Member Niello:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2695 (AMENDED APRIL 22, 2008)
SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL DUMPING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2695 (AB 2695), which would among other things, add illegal dumping enforcement to the duties of solid waste local enforcement agencies and clarify that State law does not limit the power of local governments to enforce local ordinances or regulations relating to illegal dumping.

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 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, 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.

Illegal dumping is a significant statewide problem, with considerable social, environmental, and economic impacts. Every year, local jurisdictions must spend millions of dollars to clean up illegal dumping sites, with little resources to reduce its prevalence, much less fund preventive measures. AB 2695 would allow the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to serve as the coordinating agency for local and state illegal dumping programs, enforcement and public awareness. It would provide additional assistance to local agencies, and create a model ordinance that will help to standardize illegal dumping laws throughout the state. AB 2695 if enacted,

would establish an illegal dumping grant and loan program that would provide local governments and other eligible entities with much needed funding that will enable them to be more proactive in preventing illegal dumping. It would also clarify that State law does not limit the power of a city, county, or district to impose and enforce any conditions or restrictions on, or abate the effects of, illegal dumping or any other disposal or abandonment of solid waste at a location that violates a local ordinance or regulation. This would clarify local governments' authority to address the issue of illegal dumping.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2695. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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