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The Honorable Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr., Chair  
Assembly Committee on Public Safety  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer Sr.:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 659 (MATHIS) AS INTRODUCED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2021 – DUMPING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 659 (AB 659), as introduced on February 12, 2021.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would increase the fines for dumping waste matter on private property, including on any private road or highways, without the consent of the owner. The bill would make a violation punishable by a fine of between \$250 and \$1,000 for a first conviction, between \$500 and \$1,500 for a 2nd conviction, and between \$750 and \$3,000 for a 3rd conviction. The bill would make a 4th or subsequent conviction a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 30 days and by a fine of not less than \$750 and no more than \$3,000. The bill would also require the fine to be doubled for the 4th or subsequent violation if the prosecuting attorney pleads and proves, or in an infraction case, if the court finds that the waste placed, deposited, or dumped includes used tires.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because the bill will help to ensure that waste is properly processed, reducing environmental damage and public health risks. Measures to reduce and prevent illegal dumping is critical to ensure that illegal dumping is stopped. This bill gives law enforcement entities more stringent penalties that will be useful for more vigorous enforcement and deterrence.

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

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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 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** AB 659. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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