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The Honorable Richard S. Gordon  
State Capitol Building, Room 5175  
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Dear Assemblymember Gordon:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 525 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2011)  
SOLID WASTE: TIRE RECYCLING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports if amended** Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525). This bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to set aside an unspecified percentage of grant funding for local government public works projects that use waste tires. The Task Force is fully supportive of legislation that provides dedicated grant funding for local government programs that reduce waste disposal and expand markets for recycled materials and requests the bill be amended to assure fair geographic distribution of this grant funding.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 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, 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.

In 2001 after years of efforts by Southern California local governments, the former California Integrated Waste Management Board (now CalRecycle) adopted a policy that provided for consideration of the geographic distribution of the State's population to be taken into account when awarding competitive grants. That policy has gradually eroded, and now only one out of twelve competitive grants programs gives geographical distribution any consideration. As a result, Southern California jurisdictions no longer

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receive their fair share of the fees and funds they contribute. CalRecycle data shows that although Southern California jurisdictions provided 61 percent of the funds to the California Recycling Management Fund during Fiscal Years 2006-07 and 2007-08, they only received 30 and 15 percent, respectively, of the allotted Tire Derived Product grant funds.

The Task Force supports the fair distribution of grant funding and requests that AB 525 be amended to include provisions requiring proportional geographic distribution of grant funding. Therefore, the Task Force would like to express its position of **support if amended** for AB 525. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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