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The Honorable Joe Simitian, Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Dear Senator Simitian:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 960 (AMENDED MAY 27, 2011)  
RECYCLING: ELECTRONIC WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 960 (AB 960), which would subject all electronic waste (E-waste) exported out of California to requirements that ensure the waste is handled in a way that protects human and environmental health and complies with all applicable laws and guidelines.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 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.

Existing law, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 (Act), has been helpful in providing resources to local government and recyclers in order to keep nearly a billion pounds of covered electronic devices (CEDs) from being improperly disposed in California since January 2005. Discarded CEDs are considered covered electronic waste (CEW), which the Act incentivizes and distinguishes from other types of E-waste. If enacted, this bill would apply the exporting requirements currently imposed upon CEW to other types of E-waste, as a condition of receiving any payments pursuant to the Act. Notably, this bill would also repeal the existing exemption for exportation of component parts that are reused or recycled.

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For these reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 960. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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