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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**SENATE BILL 771 (KEHOE) – CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND
ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION FINANCING AUTHORITY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your **signature** on Senate Bill 771 (SB 771). The bill would expand the definition of "renewable energy" to include energy generation based on thermal energy systems such as landfill gas turbines, engines, and microturbines and digester gas turbines, engines, and microturbines within the established renewable energy program of the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority.

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.

If enacted, SB 771 would provide limited "renewable energy" incentives to ultralow-emission "thermal energy"-based electrical generation systems (prescribed in the bill as landfill, digester, or natural gas turbines) microturbines, and engines and fuel cells. The Task Force has been a consistent supporter of incentivizing processes/technologies that utilize solid waste, such as conversion technologies and landfill/digester gas, to produce clean, green renewable energy by providing the full spectrum of available "renewable energy" and diversion credit to processes/technologies based on their

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performance characteristics. We hope your administration will continue to support efforts to encourage the development of renewable energy, green fuels, and other beneficial products from waste resources currently being sent to landfills or otherwise squandered. For more information regarding efforts in Los Angeles County to promote such conversion technologies, we invite you to view our website at www.SoCalConversion.org.

For the foregoing reasons, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature on SB 771**. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or mikemohajer@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gareth Elliott, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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