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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 341**– As amended on July 7, 2011 – **Oppose**

Dear Assemblyman Chesbro:

The County of San Bernardino has reviewed AB 341 as amended, and regretfully must oppose this bill. The bill would require the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CAL Recycle) to ensure that 75 percent of solid waste is diverted from landfills, and would require commercial and multi-family recycling.

As you are aware, local governments have made significant strides in implementing solid waste diversion programs to meet current diversion mandates at 50 percent. The bill does not provide local governments tools to achieve and sustain the desired diversion rates. Of particular concern to the County is the anticipated justification that the Legislature may express under this bill to impose additional mandates on local governments.

Additionally, the provisions of this bill regarding mandatory commercial recycling are duplicative of actions already being undertaken by State agencies. Under the authority of Assembly Bill 32 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan, CAL Recycle and the California Air Resources Board are currently in the process of developing mandatory commercial recycling regulations through an open process of workshops and hearings that rely upon stakeholder input and participation.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino must oppose this bill. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**  
Chair, Board of Supervisors