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August 28, 2012

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

RE: **AB 1634 (Chesbro)** – As Amended August 24, 2012 – **OPPOSE**

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro:

The County of San Bernardino has reviewed AB 1634 and regrets it must oppose this bill. This legislation would mandate separate hauling and recycling for organic waste such as food waste or green material by businesses, multi-family dwellings of five or more units and public entities.

Cities and counties have made significant strides in implementing programs for the diversion of solid waste from landfills. Collectively, our state exceeds 50% solid waste diversion, largely due to the progressive and innovation recycling programs cities and counties have initiated. Last year, your AB 341 established a new statewide policy goal of 75 percent diversion of solid waste. The bill also created a process that committed the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle) to working with stakeholders over an 18-month process to vet suggestions and ideas relative to increased diversion, with the goal of providing concrete strategies to the Legislature to achieve the state's new policy goal.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino must respectfully oppose AB 1634. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES, Chair**  
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