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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1109 (Huffman) Lighting Energy Efficiency & Pollution Reduction
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing on behalf of Waste Management to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1109 by Assembly Member Jared Huffman. AB 1109 would create an effective strategy to increase energy efficiency and reduce the pollution associated with current lighting technology.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, lighting consumes more than 20 percent of the nation's total electricity generation. Significant energy reduction can be achieved using advanced lighting technologies. AB 1109 will help facilitate this transition by directing the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop and implement strategies for meeting lighting energy efficiency goals of 50% for residential lighting and 25 percent for commercial and outdoor lighting by 2018. More efficient lighting technologies offer Californians the potential to reduce our collective annual energy bill by an estimated 2 to 3 billion dollars while also reducing criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. .

AB 1109 also addresses the issue of the safe disposal of lighting units by requiring manufacturers to cap mercury and lead levels in fluorescent, incandescent, and other lighting technologies consistent with the European Union's RoHS Directive.

As California's leading recycler, we believe that AB 1109 proposes a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to energy conservation and pollution reduction for lighting. By taking this step, California can conserve resources and protect the environment in this state as well as creating a model for other state's and the nation. We urge you to sign this important energy and environmental measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Kent Stoddard".

S. Kent Stoddard

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From everyday collection to environmental protection, Think Green.® Think Waste Management.

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