

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION

Member Agencies: Cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido,
National City, Poway, Solana Beach, and Vista

July 20, 2010

**The Honorable Senator Dennis Hollingsworth
California State Capitol, Rm. 305
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dear Senator Hollingsworth:

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As both representatives of our cities as well as residents, we are concerned about the environmental and economic impacts of plastic bag pollution to our inland and coastal communities throughout the state. Californians use an estimated 19 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends an estimated \$25 million annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, which does not include the over \$300 million that local governments continually spend to clean littered streets and waterways.

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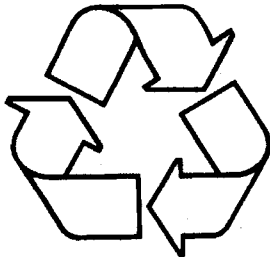
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**The Honorable Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny
California State Capitol, Rm. 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814**

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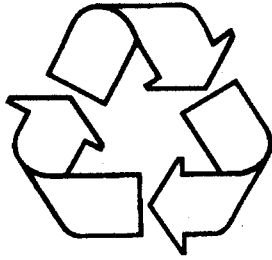
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The Honorable Senator Mark Wyland
California State Capitol, Rm. 4048
Sacramento, CA 95814

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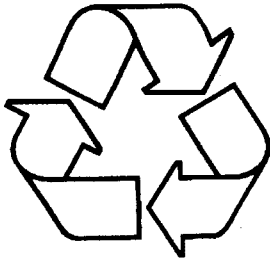
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The Honorable Senator Christine Kehoe
California State Capitol, Rm. 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

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