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Friday, April 04, 2003

Jim Avance
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Dear Jim,

On behalf of the International Carwash Association, it is with great pleasure that I express support of Assembly Bill Number 484. For the past 49 years, with 3,000 members representing over 18,000 locations, the International Carwash Association has been the leading voice for the car care industry. As an industry driven membership organization, the International Carwash Association's primary mission is to serve the needs and represent the interests of the professional car care industry. Assembly Bill Number 484 helps us accomplish this mission.

The International Carwash Association has created many beneficial programs and conducted numerous research studies to assist members with all aspects of running a successful business. We recently completed a two-year study designed to gather and analyze data regarding wastewater discharges. Local municipalities have the responsibility to ensure that all water collected from streets, gutters and drainage ditches do not impair the quality of receiving waters such as our lakes, streams and aquifers. This philosophy is applicable to all segments of car washing: in-bay automatic car washes, self-serve car washes, conveyor car washes and mobile car washes. It is imperative that our industry take proactive measures in both quantity and quality of water as it relates to our environment.

Authorized by the Clean Water Act of 1972, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program regulates point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Stormwater collection systems, controlled by almost all-municipal systems in the United States came under the restrictions of the NPDES in 1999. Local municipalities have the responsibility to ensure that water collected from streets, gutters and drainage ditches, do not impair the quality of receiving waters. Stormwater, unlike water that enters the sewers, does not undergo treatment before it is discharged into waterways.

The International Carwash Association supports certain cities and counties to adopt ordinances regarding the proper disposal of discharge wastewater into sanitary sewers. This belief is supported by our Model Conservation Certification Program in which we make special note of Charity Car Washing. It is important to address this issue as similar components of intercepting runoff from the vehicles are addressed. Several communities, most notably, Kitsap County, Oregon and San Antonio, Texas have developed best management practices to protect the watershed from stormwater pollutants.

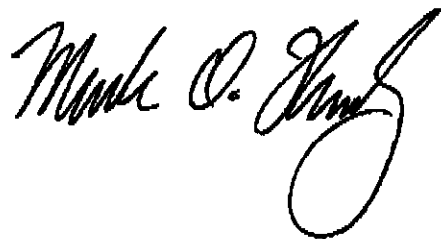
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On behalf of the International Carwash Association and the professional car care industry we support Assembly Bill 484 requiring local governing bodies of certain cities and counties to adopt ordinances regarding best management practices of discharging wastewater into sanitary sewers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark O. Thorsby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Mark O. Thorsby, CAE
Executive Director