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The Honorable Sheila J. Kuehl, Chair
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Parcel Tax Credit Program is Unacceptable for Businesses with Storm Water Permits

Dear Chari Kuehl,

November 1991, the California SWRCB under the authority of the EPA, approved a general permit for California facilities with "storm water discharges associated with industrial activity." Under the Industrial General Permit metal companies are regulated for storm water by the State Water Board, Los Angeles Regional Water Board and local cities within Los Angeles County. Metal companies and manufacturers already spend tens of thousands every year adhering to a strict BMP program, collect and file storm water samples, upgrade the facility under SWPPP, pay for the storm water fees and the countless hours spent by a dedicated employee to fulfill these tasks is an extremely costly compliance. Imposing yet another tax on manufacturers and metal companies' adds more financial burden.

We are a very, very small business that sells capital equipment to manufacturers. These companies already regulated, fee'd, fined and taxed to the max are our customer base. We have watched this state tax, fee, fine and regulate thousands of manufacturers either out of business altogether, force them out of the state or even out of the country for over twenty years. We have watched this state destroy manufacturing. The workers that lose their jobs are nameless and faceless to those doing the taxing, fining and regulating. The small business owners who have risked everything only to lose everything in part because of a greedy electorate or out of control, unsupervised, self-financing state entity are never given a moment's notice.

We are burdened enough as it is. The gas tax for instance, will cost every driver in the state an additional \$800 a year. How does that affect a worker making \$20.00 an hour? Did anyone think about that? That gas tax will cost my small business thousands of dollars this year. It takes away the ability to give someone a raise or pay employees a bonus at the end of the year. What is the cost to all of our businesses that have drivers and trucks?

My point is; we are taxed, fee'd, fined and regulated to death already. The state already collects millions of dollars per year from manufactures complying with existing storm water regulations.

The county of Los Angeles wants to impose yet another tax on companies *THAT ALREADY PARTICIPATE AND INVEST IN STORM WATER POLLUTION REDUCTION*.
Does that really make sense?

We oppose the Safe, Clean Water Program Ordinance and Program.

Respectfully,

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