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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
 California State Assembly
 1021 O Street, Suite 5610
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1216 – Orange County Sanitation District OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi:

On behalf of Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) I write in respectful opposition of your Assembly Bill 1216, which requires the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility that is located within 1,500 feet of a residential area to develop, install, operate, and maintain a fence-line monitoring system in accordance with guidance developed by the appropriate air quality management district.

OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San’s primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services. OC San takes pride in the air quality around our two major wastewater treatment plants and routinely goes above and beyond local and regional mandates and industry standards.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), one of the most stringent air districts in the Country, diligently regulates emissions from publicly owned treatment works (POTW) like OC San through the utilization of a rigorous and progressive enforcement program designed to ensure compliance with existing regulations and to control air pollution at the source. We believe AB 1216 adds a duplicative requirement that would be unnecessary and a misuse of taxpayer resources.

OC San treats the protection of the environment and public health, including air quality around our facilities, as a sacred responsibility. OC San routinely complies with current local air quality regulations and feels that this bill would add an unnecessary and unclear myriad of overlapping responsibilities without any additional direct benefit to the public.

For the above reasons, OC San respectfully opposes you AB 1216. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,

Chad P. Wanke
 Board Chairman

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