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The Honorable Joe Simitian  
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 2080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 473 (Blumenfield) Solid Waste: multifamily dwellings- **Support**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members), is committed to advancing the practices of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste. On behalf of their California Chapters, I am writing in support of AB 822.

This bill would require an owner of a multifamily dwelling, defined as a residential facility that consists of 5 or more living units, on and after July 1, 2010, to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate for the multifamily dwelling, consistent with state or local laws or requirements, including a local ordinance or agreement, applicable to the collection, handling, or recycling of solid waste.

AB 473 would allow those living in multifamily dwellings greater opportunities to increase recycling and reduce the amount of solid wastes going into our landfills and in return reduce greenhouse gases that are generated by our state landfills. AB 473 would also provide additional tools for local governments to meet their SB 1016 diversion goals. For these reasons and others the California Chapters of SWANA support this measure.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
The Honorable Robert Blumenfield