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The Honorable Christine Kehoe
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 478 (Chesbro) Solid Waste: Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Oppose

Dear Chairwoman Kehoe,

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 to **oppose** AB 478 (Chesbro) regarding greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste.

As amended, AB 478 directs the CIWMB to adopt rules and regulations that include but are not limited to those solid waste management actions identified in the AB 32 Scoping Plan adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in January 2009. CARB identified mandatory commercial recycling as a new mandate that should be implemented to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste management activities. AB 479 would provide the CIWMB with regulatory authority to carry out this initiative. The scope of AB 478 goes beyond what the CARB has identified as appropriate actions in the Scoping Plan, such as offering incentives, and we cannot support a broad legislative mandate for the CIWMB to implement new rules and regulations especially given the state of the economy.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA must oppose AB 478. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Wesley Chesbro