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

RE: AB 737 (Chesbro) Solid waste: diversion- OPPOSE

Dear Chair 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 737 (Chesbro) as amended on September 4th regarding the diversion of solid waste.

AB 737, if enacted, would require the California Integrated Waste Board to "ensure" that 75 percent of generated solid waste is diverted through source reduction, recycling, or composting by January 1, 2020. The bill also requires local governments to implement commercial recycling programs. If the CIWMB determines that the implementation of these programs is not meeting the required greenhouse gas emissions reductions, required by the scoping plan of AB 32, the Board can then require jurisdictions to implement a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance.

This bill, which contains the same contents as AB 479 (Chesbro) and previously held in Senate Appropriations, fails to provide the tools needed by local governments to achieve the increased diversion rates. These tools include: conversion technology and the need for development of markets (other than those in China, Pacific Rim Countries & India) for recycled & composted materials.

For these reasons, SWANA regretfully must **oppose** AB 737 (Chesbro) and request your "no" vote when it is heard in Senate Appropriations.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

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