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***** SENATE FLOOR ALERT *****

**AB 64 (Krekorian) - Urge Your
Opposition**

DATE: September 3, 2009
TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
FROM: Paul Yoder, Legislative Advocate, **SWANA**
RE: **AB 64 (Krekorian) Energy: renewable energy
resources: generation and transmission –
OPPOSE**

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 opposition to AB 64.

AB 64, if enacted, would recast the renewables portfolio standard program, to be operative on January 1, 2011, to require that a retail seller and a local publicly owned electric utility: (1) procure at least 20% of the electricity delivered to its retail customers from eligible renewable energy resources by December 31, 2010, (2) procure at least 25% of the electricity delivered to its retail customers from eligible renewable energy resources by December 31, 2015, and (3) procure at least 33% of the electricity delivered to its retail customers from eligible renewable energy resources by December 31, 2020.

While we support increasing the use of renewable energy, AB 64 would also establish inconsistent and inequitable criteria for municipal solid waste to energy facilities from consideration as eligible renewable resources. Currently, there are three facilities in California that have been operating for twenty plus years complying with strict air quality standards while providing much needed energy to the grid. As such, all of the facilities should be considered eligible facilities in order to maximize availability of energy for the proposed program.

In addition, the bill does not facilitate the development of other technologies for converting solid waste into products such as clean fuels by imposing impractical and unnecessary requirements for consideration as an eligible renewable resource.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA **OPPOSES** AB 64 and urges your **"no"** vote when it is heard on the Senate Floor. Thank you for your consideration.