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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 14 (Simitian) Utilities: renewable energy resources – OPPOSE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

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 request your **VETO** of SB 14.

SB 14, if enacted, would increase California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) to require all retail sellers of electricity and all publicly owned utilities (POUs) to procure at least 33% of electricity delivered to their retail customers from renewable resources by 2020.

While we support increasing the use of renewable energy, SB 14 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 requests your **VETO** of SB 14. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Joe Simitian