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

Re: SB 402 (Wolk) Recycling: California redemption value – Request for **VETO**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members) in the world, 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 402 (Wolk).

If enacted, SB 402 would revise the term 'beverage' to include a variety of juices and noncarbonated drinks containing vegetable, fruit, nut, grain, or soy ingredients, and extends the California Redemption Value (CRV) to these added beverage containers. While SWANA supports recycling as an alternative to landfilling, SB 402 would continue subjecting State and local governments to a reliance on an unstable and unprotected, advanced disposal fee mechanism to manage this type of solid waste stream and create obstacles to the implementation of a new, potentially more stable extended producer responsibility program.

SB 402 was the result of a last minute gut and amend on September 11, and passed not only through the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, but also through the Assembly and Senate on the **same day**. This "expedited" process afforded little time for stakeholders to review and comment on the legislation and the lack of public process negated the opportunity for members of the public to participate in a decision making process.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA, requests your **VETO** of SB 402. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: The Honorable Lois Wolk