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The Honorable Joe Simitian
 Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
 State Capitol, Room 2205
 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: SB 515 (Corbett) Battery Stewardship – SUPPORT

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 support of SB 515 (Corbett) regarding the establishment of a Battery Stewardship Program.

SB 515 will create a system for battery recycling in the state that will be easy for consumers to use and facilitate high rates of battery recycling. It will alleviate the significant financial burden being placed on local governments to manage materials banned from landfill, and provide incentives for producers to make their products more recyclable and less toxic. It will also allow manufacturers to design the system that works best for their business model.

SB 515 will help local governments' bottom lines by saving tax-payer money used to manage battery waste. It will also create green jobs collecting and recycling batteries in the private sector. In addition, battery stewardship will help California's environment by ensuring that battery waste is properly managed.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA SUPPORTS SB 515 and urges your "aye" vote when it is heard in committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
 The Honorable Ellen Corbett

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