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The Honorable Devon Mathis
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5126
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 144 (Mathis) – Illegal Dumping
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Mathis,

The California Chapters of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) represent much of the publicly-owned and -operated solid waste management infrastructure in the state and the local governments responsible for implementing waste diversion and recycling programs. The SWANA Legislative Task Force (LTF) represents the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

The SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 144**, which increases penalties for illegal dumping, in non-commercial quantities, on private property in California from an infraction to a misdemeanor. The SWANA LTF believes that this increased penalty will help discourage illegal dumping in California.

Illegal dumping is a significant problem in some areas of the state, and causes significant cleanup costs for property owners and local governments. AB 144 will help deter this behavior and reduce blight.

For these reasons the SWANA LTF is pleased to support your AB 144.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate