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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 144 (Mathis) – Illegal Dumping
SWANA – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown,

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 respectfully requests that you **SIGN 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 this legislation and again, respectfully requests that you **SIGN AB 144**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate