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The Honorable Matthew Harper
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**RE: AB 190 & AB 191 (Harper) – Solid Waste: Single Use Carryout Bags
OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Harper,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members). SWANA's California chapters represent more than 900 members. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste. SWANA's California Legislative Task Force (LTF) is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

The SWANA LTF is respectfully OPPOSED to your bills, AB 190 and AB 191, which would both unwind statewide single-use bag legislation from 2014 (SB 270 – Padilla, 2014) that was the product of years of negotiation and compromise. The SWANA LTF is supportive of the compromise legislation and believes that the statewide policy will improve litter abatement and preserve resources for local jurisdictions.

For these reasons the SWANA LTF is respectfully opposed to your AB 190 and AB 191.

Sincerely,

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SWANA Legislative Advocate