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The Honorable Phil Ting
California State Assembly
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RE: **AB 199 (Eggman) – Alternative Energy: Recycled Feedstock SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Ting,

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.

SWANA is pleased to **support AB 199**, which would provide for a sales tax exemption on equipment that processes or utilizes recycled feedstock. Improving markets for recyclable materials is vitally important for local jurisdictions that will face the burden of implementing programs to meet the new 75% source reduction, recycling, and composting goal established by the state in AB 341 (Chesbro, 2011).

AB 199 will lower the cost of purchasing equipment for manufacturing processes that use recycled feedstock. Lower cost for manufacturers will contribute to a more robust market for recycled feedstock. The result for local governments, if this program is effectively implemented and utilized, will be improved markets that will help raise the value of materials that are recovered by local government recycling enterprises.

For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **support AB 199**.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate

cc: Members of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations