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**RE: SB 732 (Pan) – Beverage container recycling  
SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Pan,

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 **SB 732**, which would maintain the processing fee requirements for beverage manufacturers providing they demonstrate that their beverage containers meet minimum content standards that already exist in current law. The bill would also require that all plastic beverage containers contain at least 10% postfilled material, and provides an incentive to manufacturers to meet that requirement.

The SWANA LTF supports SB 732 because it supports minimum content standards for beverage containers that help support existing programs by providing a market for the recycled materials, as well as incentives for the development of in-state manufacturing facilities that use materials recovered through recycling. SB 732 also closes a loophole that allowed avoidance of the processing fee by selling empty containers for scrap value. And while we support the minimum recycled content requirement, we also hope that the processing payments and fees program stays intact to preserve the cost-effective recycling of lessor value materials.

For the reasons listed above, the SWANA LTF is pleased to support your SB 732.

Sincerely,

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SWANA Legislative Advocate