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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2206 (Williams) – Biomethane: interconnection and injection into common carrier pipelines: research – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Gonzalez,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (over 8,000 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 2206**, which would request that the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) complete a study analyzing issues relating to minimum heating value and maximum siloxane specifications for biomethane injected into common carrier gas pipelines. In 2012, California enacted AB 1900 (Gatto) to facilitate and promote the production and distribution of biogas due to its ability to provide immediate and significant greenhouse gas reductions. However, the CPUC did not enlist independent expertise in developing standards to protect end use equipment, and regulatory requirements have made pipeline biomethane cost-prohibitive.

AB 2206 would require CCST to analyze the current requirements as well as standards in other states to better understand the different sources of biomethane and their impacts on cost and safety. If CCST can recommend standards that are less costly, it will help meet the goals of AB 1900 (Gatto, 2012) to facilitate and promote pipeline biogas use for transportation, electricity and other end uses. This legislation has great potential to help California achieve its renewable energy, low carbon fuel, landfill diversion, and other important environmental goals.

For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2206**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

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SWANA Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Das Williams, 37th Assembly District