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The Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly, 7th District
State Capitol, Room 2160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2396 (McCarty) – Solid waste: annual reports – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member McCarty,

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.

Currently, each state agency is required to submit to CalRecycle an annual report summarizing its solid waste reduction efforts as part of the integrated waste management program. SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2396**, which would make clarifying and technical changes to these requirements. Specifically, the bill will state that state agencies subject to Mandatory Commercial Recycling AB 341 Chesbro (Chapter 476 Statutes of 2011) and Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling AB 1826 Chesbro (Chapter 727, Statutes of 2014) must include a summary of their compliance with those laws in their annual reports to CalRecycle.

AB 2396 will help California achieve its ambitious 75% statewide recycling goal by the year 2020 and ensure that state agencies are taking affirmative action to help meet this goal. For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2396**. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate