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The Honorable Richard Gordon
California State Assembly, 24th District
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2812 (Gordon) – Solid waste: recycling: state agencies and large state facilities – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

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 2812**, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and other state agencies to adequately provide recycling receptacles and staffing throughout state facilities. In addition to the statewide 75% diversion goal, California law requires counties to divert at least 50% of their solid waste from landfills. CalRecycle enforces this requirement and works with counties to achieve these diversion goals. As state facilities are often some of the largest waste generators, it only makes sense that these facilities participate in better waste diversion and recycling practices.

AB 2812 will start the process of aligning state facilities' waste management practices with state diversion goals. For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2812**. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate