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The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1153 (Cannella) – Greenhouse gases: scoping plan: biomethane – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Lara,

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 SB 1153**, which would direct the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to update its greenhouse gas (GHG) scoping plan with information regarding the production and availability of in-state pipeline biomethane, providing a comprehensive overview of biomethane projects, obstacles, and incentives to inform coordinated legislative and regulatory efforts.

Capturing methane from landfills, wastewater treatment plants, and dairies and converting it to renewable natural gas (RNG) has proven difficult due to cost barriers related to pipeline interconnection and injection and lack of long-term contracts for RNG. This bill seeks to address those problems by requiring CARB to analyze the steps necessary to overcome these obstacles and encourage the development of biomethane and RNG from instate projects.

SB 1153 will help California reach its GHG and SLCP reductions goals, decarbonize the state's natural gas system, improve water quality, and expand job creation and economic development in disadvantaged communities. For these reasons and more, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 1153**. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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