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The Honorable Kevin de León, Chair
Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Scott Smithline – CalRecycle Director Appointment
SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman de León,

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 three California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

The SWANA LTF would like to express our strong support for the confirmation of Scott Smithline as the Director of the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle). We believe, based on our experience working with Mr. Smithline in both his current and former roles at CalRecycle, that he is the best person to lead the department over the next several years.

California has enacted several new requirements on local jurisdictions in the past several years, including mandatory commercial organics and recycling diversion programs. Additionally, California adopted a statewide 75% recycling goal and CalRecycle recently sent to the legislature a detailed plan designed to help meet that statewide policy goal.

We support Mr. Smithline's confirmation based on his policy experience, stakeholder connectivity, and proven track record of performance in various senior roles at CalRecycle. We respectfully urge the Senate Rules Committee to confirm Scott Smithline as Director of CalRecycle and look forward to working with him over the next several years.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate

cc. Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown
Members, Senate Rules Committee