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

**RE: AB 1933 (Maienschein) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: appropriations: recycling infrastructure projects – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of the California Chapters of the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Legislative Task Force (LTF), I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT** of **AB 1933 (Maienschein)**, which would appropriate \$200 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for organic waste recycling infrastructure projects.

SWANA is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (10,000 members). SWANA's three California chapters represent more than 900 of those members. SWANA represents much of the publicly-owned and –operated solid waste management infrastructure in the state and the local governments responsible for implementing waste diversion and recycling programs. The LTF is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste.

**AB 1933 (Maienschein)** would help meet California's ambitious recycling goals, including a statewide target of 75% recycling, composting, or source reduction by 2020, by appropriating \$200 million from the GGRF to CalRecycle. This \$200 million would be used to fund two different types of projects; \$100 million would be set aside for organic waste recycling infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the other \$100 million would be set aside for solid waste recycling infrastructure projects that reduce GHG emissions.

CalRecycle estimates that in order to meet our statewide recycling goals we will need to construct 50 to 100 new and expanded organic waste recycling facilities, which is expected to cost at least \$2-3 billion. CalRecycle's programs are oversubscribed and in the past, they have been forced to deny projects, none of which went on to be built without receiving the grant funding they had requested. These same programs are also often ranked among the most cost-effective methods in terms of dollars spent per GHG emission reduced. **AB 1933 (Maienschein)** is a critical step toward meeting California's recycling goals.

For these reasons and more, the SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 1933 (Maienschein)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

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