



June 21, 2018

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Chair Portantino,

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 specify that activities that expand and improve waste diversion and recycling include waste prevention, food rescue, and organic waste recycling.

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.

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 infrastructure 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 that they had requested. These same programs are also often ranked among the most cost-effective methods in terms of dollars spent per GHG emissions reduced. By specifying that infrastructure projects that reduce GHG emissions include the expansion of recyclable material processing facilities, **AB 1933 (Maienschein)** will take an important 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Immel".

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Brian Maienschein, 77th Assembly District

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