



June 18, 2018

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1981 (Limón) Organic waste: composting - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wieckowski,

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 1981 (Limón)**, which would help support the end markets of recycled organics.

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.

In order for California to meet its ambitious statewide recycling goals, particularly those established by SB 1383 (Lara) in 2016, the State must help support the end markets for recycled goods. By instructing the Department of Forest and Fire Protection to develop and implement policies to aid in organic waste diversion by promoting the use of compost across the state, and requiring the department to work with the Tree Mortality Task Force to reduce at least five million tons of GHG emissions through the development and application of compost on working lands, **AB 1981 (Limón)** will help support the end markets for compost products and move California closer to meeting its recycling goals.

For these reasons and more, the SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 1981 (Limón)**. 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 Environmental Quality Committee
The Honorable Monique Limón, 37th Assembly District

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