



June 18, 2018

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

RE: AB 2115 (Santiago) Vehicles: passing and overtaking: waste service vehicles – 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 2115 (Santiago)**, which would help ensure the safety of waste service vehicle drivers.

SWANA is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members). SWANA's California chapters represent more than 900 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.

SWANA is supportive of measures that improve the safety of industry employees and has developed a national safety campaign called "Slow Down to Get Around" that is aimed at reminding motorists to drive carefully near waste and recycling collection vehicles. By requiring vehicle drivers to slow to a maximum of 15 miles per hour when passing a waste service vehicle, **AB 2115 (Santiago)** will help reduce the potential for automotive collisions with waste service vehicle operators.

For these reasons, the SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2115 (Santiago)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Immel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Miguel Santiago, 53rd Assembly District

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