



June 18, 2018

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2411 (McCarty) Solid waste: use of compost: planning - 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 2411 (McCarty)**, which would help support the end market of recyclable 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.

For California to meet its ambitious current and forthcoming statewide recycling goals, including the organics recycling goals established by SB 1383 (Lara) in 2016, the State must do its part to support the end market of recycled materials. By directing CalRecycle to develop and implement a plan to maximize the use of compost in slope stabilization and fire recovery services, as well as identify best practices in each of the Department of Transportation's 12 districts for cost-effective compost use along roadways, **AB 2411 (McCarty)** will help support the end market for compost products and move California closer to meeting its recycling goals. Additionally, this bill will require CalRecycle to review the best practices at least every five years and update them as necessary.

For these reasons, the SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 2411 (McCarty)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa Immel".

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Kevin McCarty, 7th Assembly District

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