



May 7, 2018

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1335 (Allen) Solid waste: disposable food service packaging: state agencies and large state facilities – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Lara,

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 **SB 1335 (Allen)**, which would require food service facilities in state agencies and large state facilities to only use disposable food service packaging that is accepted by their recycling or composting program at a rate of 75% or more.

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 a 2015 report to the Legislature designed to help California meet its statewide goal of 75% diversion of all of solid waste generated in the state by January 1, 2020, CalRecycle described the importance of reducing packaging in the waste stream. **SB 1335 (Allen)** will help reduce the amount of packaging in the waste stream by ensuring that any disposable food service packaging used by food service facilities at state agencies and large state facilities is recoverable through either recycling or composting at a rate of 75% or more. Further, this bill necessarily aligns state policies and practices with mandates imposed on local jurisdictions.

For these reasons and more, the SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 1335 (Allen)**. 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 dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District

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