



August 21, 2018

The Honorable Steve Glazer
California State Senate, 7th District
State Capitol, Room 4072
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 452 (Glazer) The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. – OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Senator Glazer,

On behalf of the California Chapters of the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Legislative Task Force (LTF), I respectfully write to you to express our **OPPOSITION** to **SB 452 (Glazer) UNLESS AMENDED** to account for appropriate local siting restrictions of supermarket sites under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Bottle Bill).

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.

SB 452 (Glazer) aims to make revisions to the Bottle Bill to address the challenges faced by grocers and retailers in light of recycling center closures throughout the state. While we appreciate the intent of this bill, we have major concerns with Section 14581(a)(3)(F). This provision would require, rather than authorize, CalRecycle to withhold payments to cities and counties that impose any local siting restrictions on supermarket sites. However, there is a range of instances in which limited siting restrictions are necessary and appropriate. Cities and counties need flexibility to manage uncontrolled litter, environmental hazards, and permitting issues, among other factors. CalRecycle should have discretionary authority to determine whether restrictions go too far and warrant withholding payments.

Thus, we respectfully ask that the language in this provision be reverted to "may" rather than "shall" to ensure localities have appropriate local control and CalRecycle has oversight and enforcement authority as needed. We appreciate both your and the sponsor's willingness to work with us and are optimistic that we will find a solution to address our concerns.

For these reasons and more, the SWANA LTF is respectfully **OPPOSED** to **SB 452 (Glazer) UNLESS AMENDED**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melissa Immel'.

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Cc: Honorable Members, California State Assembly

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