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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Assemblyman, 6th District  
State Capitol Building, Room 4139  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1109 (Huffman) – Energy Resources; Lighting Efficiency;  
Hazardous Waste - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Huffman,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is composed of approximately 7000 public and private sector solid waste management professionals throughout North America dedicated to the development and enhancement of environmentally and economically sound practices and policies for the integrated management of municipal solid waste. There are approximately 900 members of SWANA in California, and on their behalf I am writing in support of your AB 1109, regarding energy resources relative to hazardous waste.

AB 1109 creates the Lighting Toxics Reduction Law that prohibits a person on and after January 1, 2010, from selling general purpose lights in California that contains levels of hazardous substances. Define "general purpose lights" to be lamps, bulbs, tubes, or other electric devices providing functional illumination for indoor residential, indoor commercial, and outdoor use. Every manufacturer of general purpose lights sold in this state and containing hazardous materials would be required to ensure that a system is in place for collection and recycling of end-of-life general purpose lights generated in this state, as well as methods to educate consumers regarding proper management and collection opportunities for those lights.

SWANA believes that AB 1109 will significantly increase the efficiency of indoor and outdoor lighting systems. Increasing lighting efficiency will save California residential and business ratepayers billions annually in avoided energy costs.

For these reasons, we support this measure.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic  
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