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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 3120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1343 (Huffman) Solid waste: architectural paint- **SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member 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 to support your AB 1343, regarding the disposal of architectural paint.

AB 1343 would create the architectural paint recovery program and would require architectural paint manufacturers, on and after January 1, 2010, to develop and implement strategies to reduce the generation of postconsumer paint, promote the reuse of postconsumer paint, and manage the end-of-life of postconsumer paint through collecting, transporting, and processing postconsumer paint.

SWANA is very supportive of manufacturer responsibility. Without producer responsibility local solid waste managers are in receipt of and must dispose of these hazardous materials causing local governments to bear the cost of disposal.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA support AB 1343.

Sincerely,

Paul J Yoder  
Legislative Advocate