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FLOOR ALERT SUPPORT—AB 1415 (Pavley)

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TO: ALL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

CC: The Honorable Fran Pavley
Will Dickinson, Chair, SWANA California Chapters Legislative Task Force
Mike Urquhart, Secretary, SWANA California Chapters Legislative Task Force

FROM: Yvette Gómez Agredano, Legislative Advocate, SWANA California Chapters

RE: AB 1415 (Pavley) Hazardous Waste: Mercury Relays and Switches: Lead Jewelry— SUPPORT

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 AB 1415 (Pavley).

The goal of AB 1415 is to reduce the amount of mercury in the environment, and reduce the amount of lead exposure.

We ask for your support of AB 1415 for the following reasons:

- **Mercury is a persistent, bio-accumulative toxin which can cause damage to the brain, liver and kidneys, as well as developmental disorders.**
- **According to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), "[m]ercury's widespread use and subsequent release into the environment ...make it a contaminant of special concern."**
- **AB 1415 would prohibit people from selling, offering to sell, or distributing for promotional purposes certain mercury added products in California.**

We believe that AB 1415 would take positive steps to protect Californians from the health risks of mercury. For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 1415 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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