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The Honorable Ira Ruskin
Chair, Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety
State Capitol Building, Room 4139
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RE: AB 1415 (Pavley) Hazardous Waste: Mercury Relays and Switches: Lead Jewelry

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).

AB 1415 would prohibit people from selling, offering to sell, or distribution for promotional purposes certain mercury added products in California. If the use of these products is required under a federal law, or a federal contract specification, or if the only mercury-added component in the product is a button cell battery distribution will still be permitted.

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