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RE: AB 1415 (Pavley): Hazardous waste: mercury relays and switches – URGE SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

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 **urge your signature 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 Environmental Protection Agency reported that 630,000 children are born annually in the U.S. with unsafe blood levels of mercury. Also, the Harvard School of Public Health has found that seafood contaminated with mercury can cause heart damage and impairment to brain function in children.

The goal of AB 1415 is to reduce the amount of mercury in the environment. For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA **urge your signature of AB 1415 (Pavley)**.

Sincerely,

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