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The Honorable Joe Simitian, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 4088
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1447 (Calderon) – Hazardous waste; major appliances

Dear Chairman Simitian,

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 1447, regarding hazardous waste relative to major appliances.

AB 1447 would revise existing requirements to instead allow an appliance service technician to remove refrigerant from a major appliance. It is imperative that the State take steps to increase the extraction of hazardous materials from major appliances (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, microwaves, air conditioners, and furnaces) after their use within homes and businesses. For these reasons, SWANA supports AB 1447.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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