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The Honorable Mark Stone
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1504 (Stone) – Single Use Cigarette Butts
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Stone,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7700 members). SWANA's California chapters represent more than 900 members. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste. SWANA's California Legislative Task Force (LTF) is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

The SWANA LTF is pleased to **SUPPORT** your **AB 1504**, which would ban the sale of single use cigarette butts in California in order to control the never-ending stream of litter that results from their use. In California, citations for cigarette butt litter from vehicles are about five times higher than for general litter from vehicles.

AB 1504 would significantly curtail cigarette litter, reduce environmental contaminants, and reduce the cost of collection and management to local governments. For these reasons, the SWANA LTF is please to **SUPPORT AB 1504**.

Sincerely,

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SWANA Legislative Advocate

cc. Assemblyman Chesbro – Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee