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The Honorable Jared Huffman
Assemblyman, 6th District
State Capitol Building, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1535 (Huffman) – Electronic Waste; Personal Computers -
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Huffman;

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 1535, regarding electronic waste relative to personal computers.

AB 1535 would provide that, on and after July 1, 2008, a covered electronic device also includes a personal computer, as defined, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes. A retailer would be required to collect a fee of \$6 from the consumer at the time of the retail sale of the personal computer, except as specified. Conforming changes to the act would be also be made by the bill with regard to those electronic devices.

SWANA believes that electronic devices are highly toxic and pose a serious threat to public health and the environment. Requiring a consumer fee collection at the time of retail sale will assist in managing electronic toxins from being disposed of improperly and entry into the municipal solid waste stream.

For these reasons, we support this measure.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic
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