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The Honorable Gloria Romero
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1751 (Fuentes) Vehicles: nuisance abatement: impoundment-
Support with Amendments

Dear Chairwoman Romero,

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 with amendments of AB 1751.

This bill would require authorize a city or county to adopt an ordinance declaring a motor vehicle to be a nuisance subject to impoundment for not more than 30 days when the motor vehicle is involved in the commission of specified crimes related to illegal dumping of commercial quantities of waste matter and prostitution. SWANA would like to see amendments that reduce the requirements to 1 or more prior convictions. The current language would allow a person to illegally dump harmful waste matter 3 times prior to having a vehicle impounded.

For these reasons the California Chapters of SWANA support AB 1751 with amendments.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Public Safety Committee
The Honorable Felipe Fuentes