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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 4139  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1860 (Huffman)- Unsafe products: recall or warning- SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly member 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 1860, which addresses the collection of recalled products.

AB 1860 would require a manufacturer of a recalled product to establish and maintain a collection system in the event a recall is issued for that product.

SWANA believes AB 1860 creates manufacturer responsibility. Many times a recalled item is received by solid waste facilities and must bear the costs of the disposal. We believe it should be the responsibility of the manufacturer to collect and dispose of items, they have created, that are no longer suitable for the public.

For these reasons, we support this measure.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Yoder  
Legislative Advocate

cc: Members and Consultants,  
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