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The Honorable Loni Hancock  
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1992 (Canciamilla) Solid waste: dumping – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Hancock,

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 to urge you to support AB 1992 (Canciamilla), regarding solid waste dumping.

AB 1992 strengthens the existing prohibitions against illegal dumping of solid waste on public and private property. The bill would make it a misdemeanor to place solid waste on private property, without the owner's consent.

Illegal dumping is a significant problem that impacts many facets of life including public safety, property values, and the environment. Current law does not prohibit illegal dumping on private property without the owner's consent. This problem financially impacts local government as well haulers that must pick up the garbage. This bill would correct that oversight making it explicitly illegal to dump on private property without the owner's consent.

Illegal dumps can create several problems, besides their visual irritation and potential health threat, their very presence encourages their continued use. For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 1992 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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