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Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee  
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**Re: AB 2139 (Chesbro) Solid Waste: product stewardship - Support**

Dear Chairman Nava:

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members), is committed to advancing the practices of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste. On behalf of their California Chapters, I am writing in support of AB 2139 (Chesbro) regarding the establishment of the California Product Stewardship Program.

AB 2139 will create the California Product Stewardship Program. Managing the waste stream in California has been a very expensive endeavor for local governments. Cities and Counties in California spend upwards of \$500 million annually to manage products banned from landfills as well as those disposed of at the landfill. AB 2139 takes the important step of adopting the California Product Stewardship Act, which will require product producers to address end-of-life issues for their products, thereby keeping them out of the local landfills and ultimately lowering the amount of waste that must be disposed in California.

AB 2139 will help local governments' bottom lines by saving tax-payer money used to manage these wastes. It will also create green jobs collecting and recovering these products in the private sector and will help protect public health and California's environment by ensuring that these products are properly managed.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA support AB 2139 and urge your "aye" vote when it is heard in the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic  
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