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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2176 (Blumenfield) Mercury Containing Lamp Product Stewardship –
SUPPORT

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 2176 (Blumenfield) regarding the establishment of a Mercury Containing Lamp Product Stewardship Program.

AB 2176 establishes a producer responsibility program for mercury-containing lamps (Class 1) and a fee program for inefficient lamps (Class 2). AB 2176 takes an important step in managing waste in California by requiring product producers to address end-of-life issues for their products, thereby keeping them out of the local landfill and ultimately lowering the amount of waste that must be disposed in California.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA SUPPORTS AB 2176 and requests your “AYE” vote when it is heard in Assembly Appropriations Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Bob Blumenfield