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The Honorable Dave Jones  
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 104  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2253 (Hancock) Vehicles: Illegal dumping – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Jones,

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 2253 (Hancock), regarding vehicles and illegal dumping.

This bill would authorize the seizure of a vehicle used for the illegal dumping of waste matter on public or private property. It also establishes procedures for the seizure and civil forfeiture of the vehicle.

Illegal dumping is a problem that not all local governments have the authority to deal with. Cities already have the authority to adopt ordinances against illegal dumping and to impose fines or forfeitures for ordinance violations. Counties do not have this authority, but must still clean up the mess made by illegal dumping. This bill would allow both cities and counties to seize and forfeit vehicles used in illegal dumping.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 2253 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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