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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Office of the Governor
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2347 (Ruskin) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

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 your SIGNATURE of AB 2347 (Ruskin).

AB 2347 would enact the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008 and would require a manufacturer of mercury-added thermostats sold in this state before January 1, 2006, to establish and maintain a collection and recycling program for out-of-service mercury-added thermostats.

SWANA is very supportive of producer responsibility. Producers of mercury-added thermostats have a responsibility to collect these out-of-service mercury-added thermostats and ensure that they are properly handled and recycled. Without producer responsibility, it is local solid waste and recycling facilities that are in receipt of these items and exposed to the harmful chemicals they produce.

For these reasons, we SUPPORT AB 2347 (Ruskin) and respectfully request your SIGNATURE. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

Cc: The Honorable Ira Ruskin, California State Assembly