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Re: AB 2398 (Perez)) Carpet Product Stewardship – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

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 to **REQUEST YOUR SIGNATURE** of **AB 2398 (Perez)** regarding the establishment of a Carpet Product Stewardship Program.

AB 2398 requires carpet producers to submit stewardship plans to the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. AB 2398 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.

An EPR approach to the management of carpet removes the financial burden of managing the end-of-life product from local governments and ratepayers and taxpayers to the producers to be included in the cost of doing business. This approach also provides an incentive to design carpet that is more environmentally friendly and more easily recycled.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA SUPPORTS AB 2398 and REQUESTS YOUR SIGNATURE when it is presented to you for action. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Assembly Speaker John Perez