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The Honorable Loni Hancock
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2845 (Bogh) Beverage containers: recycling and litter cleanup grants
– SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Hancock,

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 2845 (Bogh), regarding recycling and cleanup of beverage containers.

The money in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Conservation to pay refund values, processing payments, and for other purposes, including permitting the department to expend annually \$10,500,000 for payments to cities and counties for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities, for which the department is authorized to pay at least \$5,000 annually to cities and \$10,000 annually to counties. This bill would increase the amount the department is authorized to expend annually for this purpose to \$15,000,000, and would increase the minimum payments to cities and counties to \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

Over the past ten years, there is a surplus in the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. The California Redemption Value for recycled beverage containers has also increased. Funding going to cities and counties should be increased because of the extra funds available and because of the increase in cost due to the California Redemption Value increase. These extra funds will go far in allowing cities and counties to recycle beverage containers.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 2845 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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