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

RE: AB 3001 (Pavley) Electronic waste: personal computers – 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 3001 (Pavley), regarding personal computers as electronic waste.

AB 3001 would expand California's Electronics Waste Recycling Act to cover all personal computers. Existing law is limited to computer monitors, lap top computers, and televisions. This measure would establish a point of sale recycling fee of \$6. Revenue would be used to finance the collection of discarded computers through a network of 'free and convenient' recycling locations and programs.

More than 6 million computers become obsolete in California everyday (more than 110,000 tons annually). Current law covers less than half of the state's currently disposed electronic waste. By expanding the scope of the EWRA, AB 3001 will help expand the existing collection infrastructure to provide free and convenient recycling for these products.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 3001 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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