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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 2191
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 501 (Swanson and Hancock) - Pharmaceutical Devices-
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Kuehl,

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 inform you of our SUPPORT of AB 501, regarding the disposal of pharmaceutical devices.

AB 501 would require a pharmaceutical manufacturer whose product is administered for home use through a prefilled syringe, prefilled pen, or other prefilled injection device to arrange to provide, upon request from a consumer, a postage prepaid, mail-back sharps container that has been approved by the United States Postal Service.

SWANA is very supportive of producer responsibility. Without producer responsibility, it is local solid waste and recycling facilities that are in receipt of these items and government workers who are at risk of sickness or infection by their improper disposal.

For these reasons, we SUPPORT this measure and urge your "AYE" vote when it is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Sandre Swanson
The Honorable Loni Hancock
Members and Consultants, Senate Health Committee