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The Honorable Julia Brownley
Assemblywoman, 41st District
State Capitol Building, Room 6011
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 546 (Brownley) – Electronic Waste; Computers

Dear Assemblywoman Brownley,

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 in support of your AB 546, regarding electronic waste; computers.

AB 546 would require the board to develop an information program to provide retailers with a list of authorized collectors operating in the county where the retailer is located. The bill would require a retailer to provide a customer who purchases an electronic device with the list of authorized collectors operating in the county where the retailer is located, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

SWANA believes that implementing an informational program for electronic consumers will have significant positive return on hazardous electronic devices and will improve public health and the environment.

For these reasons, we support this measure.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic
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