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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 64 (Krekorian) Energy: renewable energy resources: generation and transmission -- Oppose unless amended

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 **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED AB 64** (Krekorian) regarding renewal energy resources.

AB 64, if enacted, amends the RPS program, effective January 1, 2011, to include local publicly owned electric utilities, and to increase the renewable electricity requirements by the following: 20% by December 31, 2010; 25% by December 31, 2015; 35% by December 31, 2020, and a goal of procuring at least 50% by December 31, 2035. While we support increasing the use of renewable energy, AB 64 would also establish inconsistent and inequitable criteria for municipal solid waste to energy facilities from consideration as eligible renewable resources. Currently, there are three facilities in California that have been operating for twenty plus years complying with strict air quality standards while providing much needed energy to the grid. As such, all of the facilities should be considered eligible facilities in order to maximize availability of energy for the proposed program.

In addition, the bill does not facilitate the development of other technologies for converting solid waste into products such as clean fuels by imposing impractical and unnecessary requirements before being considered an eligible renewable resource.

All of these technologies reduce our reliance on fossil fuels by creating clean, renewable energy. AB 64 would severely impact the long-term viability of the green power projects.

The amendments we suggest are:

- We suggest **deleting** Page 25, Lines 6-34

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA **OPPOSES UNLESS AMENDED AB 64** and urges your no vote when it is heard in your committee. Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Paul Krekorian