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The Honorable Tom Torlakson  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 642 (Wolk) Design-build: counties, cities and special districts- **Support**

Dear Chairman Torlakson,

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 AB 642.

The bill would authorize a qualified entity, as defined, that operates a wastewater facility, solid waste management facility, or water recycling facility, with the approval of the appropriate governing body to enter into design-build contracts, as defined, in accordance with specified provisions. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2020.

SWANA supports AB 642 and respectfully requests your "aye" vote when it is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder  
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Lois Wolk