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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

FROM: Tressa Wallace, Legislative Advocate, **SWANA**

RE: **AB 737 (Chesbro) Solid waste: diversion-  
Remove Opposition**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members) in the United States, is committed to advancing the practices of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste. On behalf of their California Chapters, I am writing to remove their opposition to AB 737 (Chesbro) regarding the diversion of solid waste.

As amended, AB 737 includes a provision to mandate commercial recycling and requires CalRecycle to report on potential strategies to increase our state's solid waste diversion rate.

Local jurisdictions have made significant strides in implementing programs for the diversion of solid waste from landfills. Collectively, our state exceeds the required 50% goal that was established many years ago. SWANA appreciates the efforts of the author to address local government concerns and hopes the report, required by this bill, will provide opportunities to educate legislative and regulatory bodies of the difficulties currently facing local governments in efforts to increase diversion rates and the tools required before any increased diversion goal can be considered.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA REMOVES OPPOSITION from AB 737. Thank you for your consideration.