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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
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**RE: Implementation of AB 1826 (Chesbro) – Organic Waste Recycling  
SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Brown,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members), many of which are involved in operating or managing the materials recovery and recycling infrastructure. We are committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste. The SWANA Legislative Task Force (LTF) is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory matters.

The SWANA LTF would like to commend the author and sponsor for working closely together with stakeholders these last several months. Similar to the author's previous commercial recycling bill (AB 341), the goal has been to allow jurisdictions the flexibility to tailor their ordinances and programs to fit their local community. While the bill's language is not perfect, we believe the legislature and CalRecycle have crafted a reasonable framework for organics recycling.

The SWANA LTF continues to be neutral on **AB 1826**, but we believe this negotiated framework for organics recycling provides California with a best opportunity for achieving higher diversion rather than a regulatory pathway through the California Air Resources Board.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmelzer  
SWANA Legislative Advocate