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The Honorable Lois Wolk  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 3120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Assembly member Wolk,

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 would like to see that the bill include "Joint Power Authorities" to the list of facilities eligible under the bill to utilize design build.

SWANA supports AB 642 but respectfully asks that you consider the requested amendment to make your bill even better!

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members, Senate Local Government  
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