

January 18, 2008

The Honorable Lloyd Levine
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 822 (Levine) Solid Waste: multifamily dwellings- **Support**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members), 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 in support of AB 822.

AB 822 would require on or after July 1, 2009, an owner of a multifamily dwelling to arrange for recycling services that are consistent with state or local laws or requirements, including local ordinances or agreements. "Multifamily dwellings" are defined as residential facilities that consist of five or more living units.

AB 822 would allow those living in multifamily dwellings greater opportunities to increase recycling and reduce the amount of solid wastes going into our landfills and in return reduce greenhouse gases that are generated by our state landfills. For these reasons and others the California Chapters of SWANA support this measure.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder

Cc: Members, California State Assembly