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The Honorable Mike Feuer
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 904 (Feuer) Recycling: food containers- **Support**

Dear Assembly member Feuer,

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 904.

This bill would enact the Plastic and Marine Debris Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Act. This measure would on and after July 1, 2012, prohibit providers of takeout food from distributing single-use food service packaging to consumers unless the packaging is either compostable or recyclable.

AB 904 provides reasonable and effective means to increase recycling, and reduce the amount of solid waste going into our state's water resources and landfills.

For these reasons the California Chapters of SWANA support AB 904.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members, Senate Environmental Quality
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