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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ABx8 7 – Beverage Container Recycling Fund: Request for **SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the largest association of solid waste professionals (7,700 members) in the world, 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 request your **SIGNATURE** of ABx8 7.

AB X8 7 provides a one-time infusion of revenue into the BCRF by temporarily accelerating payments made into the account by beverage distributors. Under current law, there is a 90-day timeframe by which these payments must be made. The bill changes this timeframe to 60 days. This measure also preserves funding for the City/County payments outlined in Section 14581 of the Public Resources Code and authorizes these payments to be made retroactively to January 1, 2010. This funding is vital in the state's efforts to increase recycling efforts.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA, requests your **SIGNATURE** of ABx8 7. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Ms. Elizabeth MacMillan, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Ms. Carrol Mortensen, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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