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The Honorable Leland Yee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4074
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Re: SB 1029 (Yee) Hypodermic needles and syringes – SUPPORT IF
AMENDED

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 if amended on SB 1029 (Yee) regarding hypodermic needles and syringes.

SB 1029 (Yee) would allow pharmacies in California the discretion to sell up to 30 sterile syringes to an adult without a prescription.

SWANA is supportive of the intent of this legislation but it is their feeling that organizations that are allowed to distribute needles and syringes, should also take them back and provide safe methods to transport the products. If distributing organizations were required to take needles and syringes back, this would assist local governments in creating a safer environment for their constituents and those using the needles.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA SUPPORTS IF
AMENDED SB 1029. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate