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The Honorable Christine Kehoe
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1100 (Corbett) Battery Stewardship – 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 SB 1100 (Corbett) regarding the establishment of a Battery Stewardship Program.

SB 1100 requires producers or household battery stewardship organizations to submit stewardship plans to the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. SB 1100 takes an important step in managing waste in California by requiring product producers to address end-of-life issues for their products, thereby keeping them out of the local landfill and ultimately lowering the amount of waste that must be disposed in California.

SB 1100 will help local governments' bottom lines by saving tax-payer money used to manage battery waste. It will also create green jobs collecting and recycling batteries in the private sector. In addition, battery stewardship will help California's environment by ensuring that battery waste is properly managed.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA SUPPORTS SB 1100 and requests your "AYE" vote when it is heard in Senate Appropriations Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Ellen Corbett