



# FLOOR ALERT SUPPORT – AB 1225

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**TO:** ALL SENATORS

**FROM:** Yvette Gómez Agredano, Legislative Advocate, SWANA

**CC:** The Honorable Wesley Chesbro

**RE: SB 1225 (Chesbro) Service authority: registration and service fees—SUPPORT**

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 to urge you to support SB 1225 (Chesbro), a services authority for registration and service fees.

SWANA urges you to take the following into consideration:

- AB 1225 authorizes a county to impose a \$2 surcharge on vehicle registrations within the county to fund the abatement of abandoned vehicles. Current law provides for a \$1 fee.
- Abandoned vehicles pose not only a public safety risk, but they are a solid waste problem as well. Costs associated with collecting cars and transporting them to scrap yards are high.
- Imposing this higher fee will decrease the strain on counties by lowering cost, as it will provide more funding for the abatement of abandoned vehicles.

**To ensure better statewide ability to collect and discard abandoned vehicles, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support AB 1225 when it is heard on the Senate Floor.**

Thank you for your consideration of our position.