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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
Senator, 20th District  
State Capitol Building, Room 4032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 1357 (Padilla) – Beverage Containers; Grants – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Padilla,

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 your SB 1357, regarding beverage container grants.

SB 1357 would additionally authorize the department to expend up to \$20,000,000 from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2010, for either grants for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs or focused, regional community beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs.

We believe that SB 1357 provides a tremendous opportunity to assist local governments in their programs to expand recycling. Utilizing a portion of unclaimed [CRV] funds to support local government efforts is an opportunity well worth supporting.

For these reasons, we support this measure.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality  
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