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The Honorable Tom Torlakson
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 1723 (Maldonado) – Agriculture: pesticide recycling
program and audits- SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Torlakson,

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 support your SB 1723, regarding agriculture recycling programs.

SB 1723 would require every person who is the first to sell any agriculture, structural, industrial or institutional-use pesticide for use in this state that is packaged in high density polyethylene containers to establish a recycling program that would be subject to audit.

SWANA is very supportive of manufacturer responsibility. Without producer responsibility, it is local solid waste managers who are in receipt of these items and local governments that must bear the cost of disposal.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA support SB 1723.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Yoder
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cc: The Honorable Abel Maldonado
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