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The Honorable Joe Simitian  
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 2080  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 25 (Padilla) Solid Waste: diversion- **Oppose**

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 to **oppose** SB 25 regarding the diversion of solid waste.

As currently drafted, SB 25 would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board to develop a strategic and comprehensive plan to increase the solid waste diversion rate for the state of California to 75% by an unspecified date. In order to accomplish this, local jurisdictions will need to commit additional resources to ensure a new statewide goal is achieved. This comes at a time when most cities and counties are struggling to financially meet the current needs of their residents and mandates from the State.

Another important issue for local jurisdictions is the implementation of SB 1016 (Wiggins) of 2008. SB 1016 replaces the previous 'diversion-based' method with a 'disposal-based' accounting method so that waste is more accurately assessed. Local jurisdictions need time to implement this new method of calculating disposal before any increases in the diversion rate are considered.

For these reasons, SWANA must **oppose** SB 25

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
The Honorable Alex Padilla