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

Re: SB 26 (Simitian) Home-generated pharmaceutical waste- **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 26 (Simitian).

SB 26 will establish a system, based on partnerships with the appropriate state and local agencies, retailers, suppliers, and manufacturers, to develop an efficient, safe and cost effective system to manage home-generated pharmaceutical waste and home-generated sharps waste.

SWANA is very supportive of producer responsibility. Without producer responsibility, it is local solid waste and recycling facilities that are in receipt of these items causing local governments to bear the cost of disposal.

For these reasons, we support SB 26 and urge your "aye" vote when it is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Joe Simitian