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The Honorable Loni Hancock
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 369 (Simitian) Solid waste: tire recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblywoman Hancock,

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 369 (Simitian), regarding tire recycling.

This bill proposes to recommence a program to award grants to cities, counties, districts, and other local governmental agencies for the funding of public works projects that use rubberized asphalt concrete which is currently implemented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). The bill also provides for a new inoperative and repeal date.

This program works to promote and develop alternatives to the landfill disposal of used tires. The rubberized asphalt concrete grant program works under the California Tire Recycling Act to provide funding for efficient use of recycled tires.

For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA urge you to support SB 369 when it is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

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