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# FLOOR ALERT

## Vote "AYE" on SB 568

Date: August 26, 2011

To: Members, California State Assembly

From: Jason Schmelzer – SWANA Legislative Advocate

RE: **SB 568 (Lowenthal) Recycling: Polystyrene Food Containers SUPPORT**

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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 **SUPPORT SB 568 (Lowenthal)** regarding the recycling of polystyrene food containers.

SB 568 would prohibit a food vendor, on and after January 1, 2016, from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container and would define related terms. The bill would provide that a food vendor that is a school district is not required to comply with the bill's requirements until July 1, 2017, and would allow a food vendor that is a school district to dispense prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container after that date if the governing board of the school district elects to adopt a policy to implement a verifiable recycling program for polystyrene foam food containers. The bill would also allow a food vendor to dispense prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container after January 1, 2016, in a city or county if the city or county elects to adopt an ordinance establishing a specified recycling program for these types of containers.

SB 568 will provide multiple benefits, including establishing uniform statewide policy rather than varying restrictions in different jurisdictions, and significantly reducing one of the most abundant types of litter.

For these reasons, **SWANA SUPPORTS SB 568 (Lowenthal)** and urges you to vote **"AYE"** when it is heard on the Assembly Floor.