



SENATE FLOOR ALERT SB 804 (Lara): Vote "Yes"

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To: Members of the California State Senate

From: The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) – California Chapter

Re: **SB 804 (Lara) – Solid Waste: Energy**
As amended 5/8/13 - SUPPORT

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is the world's largest association of solid waste professionals (7700 members). SWANA's California chapters represent more than 900 members. SWANA is committed to advancing the practice of environmentally- and economically-sound management of municipal solid waste. SWANA's California Legislative Task Force (LTF) is responsible for representing the California Chapters on legislative and regulatory issues.

SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 804**, and respectfully urges you to **VOTE "AYE"** when it is heard on the Senate Floor. SB 804 would expand the definition of "biomass conversion" to include other conversion technologies (thermochemical, biochemical and physiochemical) to manage certain type of solid waste separated from other solid wastes to generate electricity. Additionally, the proposed legislation also expands the definition of composting to include anaerobic digestion processes.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires jurisdictions to divert 50% of their solid waste from disposal. Further, state law has also established a 75% diversion goal policy for state by 2020. The proposed legislation promotes development of solid waste infrastructures that are desperately needed. This would enhance State and local government efforts to comply and achieve the state mandated 75% diversion goal by 2020.

For these reasons, SWANA is pleased to **SUPPORT SB 804** and respectfully requests that you **VOTE "AYE"** when it is heard on the Senate Floor.

Sincerely,

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