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The Honorable Joe Simitian
Senator, 11th District
State Capitol, Room 4062
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 899 (Simitian) Perfluorinated Compounds – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Simitian,

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 in support of your SB 899, regarding perfluorinated compounds.

SB 899 prohibits a person from manufacturing, processing, or distributing in commerce a product containing perfluorinated compounds, or chemicals that degrade in the environment to perfluorinated compounds. This bill would prohibit, on and after June 1, 2008, a person from manufacturing, processing, or distributing in commerce a product containing perfluorinated compounds, as defined, or chemicals that degrade in the environment to perfluorinated compounds. The bill would authorize the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, with the concurrence of the Secretary for Environmental Protection, to defer the operation of this prohibition with respect to a product under certain conditions.

Perfluorinated compounds are incredibly resistant to break down and pose a significant risk to health and environment. For these reasons, the California Chapters of SWANA support SB 899.

Sincerely,

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