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The Honorable Richard Bloom
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan – Funds for Recycling and Composting
SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Bloom,

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, and we are 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.

The SWANA Legislative Task Force (LTF) is pleased to **SUPPORT** the inclusion of \$30 million to increase recycling and composting in the Cap and Trade Auction Revenue Expenditure Plan. California's strategy for managing our state's solid waste is in a period of great change. Over the next several years several factors will contribute to California's need for investment in recycling/composting infrastructure and markets:

- 75% Statewide Goal for Recycling, Composting, and Source Reduction –

Passed in 2011,

AB 341 (Chesbro) created a statewide goal that 75% of our solid waste will be recycled, composted, or source separated by 2020. CalRecycle is about to release the AB 341-mandated report to the legislature on how to achieve this goal.

- Mandatory Commercial Organics Collection – This year the legislature will consider legislation to require large commercial generators of organic waste (green waste, food waste, wood waste, etc.) to subscribe to a service that provides separate collection and management of organic materials.

As the legislature proceeds down the path of diverting more materials from landfill, it is clear that California will need to enhance both its capability for processing recyclable and compostable materials and the markets available to the end product. The proposal to make \$30 million available through a combination of grant and loan programs is a good start, and the SWANA LTF would respectfully urge to both continue and grow this investment in our state's solid waste management infrastructure and markets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Schmelzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jason Schmelzer
SWANA Legislative Advocate