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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 222 (Adams) Energy: biofuels- **Support**

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 in support of AB 222 (Adams).

AB 222 would redefine "in-state renewable electricity generation facility" to include a facility that uses conversion at a biorefinery. The bill would define "biorefinery" to mean a facility that uses a noncombustion thermal, chemical, biological, or mechanical conservation process, or a combination of those processes, to produce marketable products from carbonaceous materials.

AB 222 would update the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 to incorporate changes that will enable and expedite the production of advanced, non-food derived biofuels, green power and other biobased products from biomass. By providing a pathway for new investments in technologies to occur in California, and still retaining California's stringent environmental protections, AB 222 can allow California to lead the nation in the establishment of advanced technology facilities.

For these reasons, SWANA supports AB 222 (Admas) and urges your "aye" vote when it is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Utilities and Commerce
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