December 12, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Senate Finance Committee Chair  
United States Senate

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Senate Finance Committee  
Senate Ranking Member  
United States Senate

The Honorable Dave Camp  
House Ways and Means Committee Chair  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Sander Levin  
House Ways and Means Committee  
House of Representatives Ranking Member  
United States House of Representatives


Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader Pelosi, Committee Chairman Baucus, Committee Ranking Member Hatch, Committee Chairman Camp, and Committee Ranking Member Levin:

On behalf of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), I am writing to offer our support for the Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012, S.3521. A portion of this bill would expand the number of landfill gas and waste-to-energy projects that are eligible to receive a Production Tax Credit for renewable energy creation.

SWANA is a not-for-profit professional association with over 8,000 members from both the public and private sectors. Our mission is to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste (MSW) in North America. The solid waste management sector plays a crucial role in the United States’ efforts towards energy independence and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through landfill gas and waste-to-energy projects. The Production Tax Credit has been a key component to the industry’s successful efforts.

The Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012, S.3521, will increase the number of renewable energy production facilities that qualify for the Production Tax Credit by including projects under construction by the end of 2013, rather than just projects placed in service. Due to the long periods of time that are required for developing, permitting, and constructing landfill gas and waste-to-energy projects, this change will allow those facilities to benefit from the Production Tax Credit to the full extent intended. By supporting this bill, you will help continue America’s efforts to towards a sound and sustainable energy policy.

Sincerely,

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