



Kansas Sunflower Chapter of SWANA



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Dear Senator Mike Petersen:

The Kansas Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) would like to express its support for SB 94. SWANA is the largest solid waste association in the world with almost 10,000 members. Its mission is to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America. However, SWANA is also very interested in the safety of its members and all employees who work in the solid waste industry.

The solid waste industry is consistently ranked as one of the most dangerous. One of the most hazardous jobs in the waste industry is as a trash collector who works much of the time outside of a trash truck gathering trash containers and dumping them into the truck. One of the greatest hazards they face is from passing traffic that passes too fast and too close to the truck.

We believe SB 94 would be a great step in protecting Kansas solid waste employees. We would ask that the Senate Transportation Committee consider supporting SB 94. I would be very willing to answer any questions concerning this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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