

Proponent Testimony for SB 2 (02/22/2017)

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Chairman Balderson, Vice-Chair Jordan and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee thank you for the opportunity today to present testimony in support of SB 2. My name is Michael Dinneen and I am here to represent the Construction and Demolition Association of Ohio (CDAO). The CDAO represents the C&DD disposal and recycling industry in the state, working to provide balanced rules and regulations in the management of C&DD materials. C&DD materials are some of the easiest materials to recycle out of all the solid waste streams. Dr. Tim Townsend of the University of Florida, a nationally recognized researcher on waste materials, has done many studies of C&DD materials for the national Construction Materials Recycling Association. Through one of the latest studies he estimates that for every 10,000 tons of C&DD recycled 2-3 direct full time jobs, an initial investment of \$545,000.00 and 1.2 million dollars in economic outputs are created. With well over 2,000,000 tons of C&DD generated and disposed of in the state each year, the job growth and economic potential of this industry is bright. As Director Buttler testified, legitimate recyclers in Ohio are providing this type of employment, investment and economic output, some have been doing so for over a decade. However, affective regulation and oversight are imperative to providing Ohio with recycling services for C&DD materials.

The SB 2 will provide for the appropriate regulation of C&DD recycling and transfer stations. The legislation directs the agency to create appropriate regulation for C&DD materials, acknowledging the ways in which C&DD materials are recycled and handled. Operated with proper oversight these

facilities can be vital to the management of C&DD materials, while creating jobs and investment in a community.

The CDAO supports the ORC 3714 additions of SB 2, giving the OEPA the authority to provide affective rules to achieve proper recycling and disposal of C&DD materials is the State of Ohio.