

Opponent Testimony of Jake Frankart  
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Chairman Kick, Vice Chairman Lear, Ranking Member Rogers and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 119. My name is Jake Frankart and I am a family business owner in Fostoria Ohio, where I live with my wife.

Our company provides electrical contracting services to WIN Waste Innovations Seneca County. We currently have 27 employees and WIN Waste Innovations has been an extremely important customer for our company.

We have worked for the landfill for more than 13 years and have seen different owners throughout this tenure. We have firsthand experience of how the WIN Waste personnel operate this facility. The WIN employees have a strong focus on safety and environmental protection. While working and living in the area, I can tell you that prior to the WIN ownership, the landfill had an issue with the H<sub>2</sub>S Gas emissions. WIN made the investments to install temporary measures to correct these issues and recently invested in a large-scale Permanent Hydrogen Sulfide facility that removes 98% of the H<sub>2</sub>S from the Landfill Gas. We were very involved with this project and witnessed a company where everyone including management, engineering, Site Supervisors, and operators all had one goal and that was to get the plant operating and cleaning the landfill gas as quickly as possible, while remaining safe.

I oppose Senate Bill 119 because it will negatively impact WIN Waste Seneca County and subsequently it will negatively impact Frankart Electric. I believe that this company is doing the right thing. Let's not unnecessarily put additional financial burdens on a company that has done the right thing at this landfill and let's not harm Ohio's reputation as a business-friendly state that supports investment, economic drivers and most importantly, local small businesses and local jobs.

I would be happy to answer any questions from the committee at this time.