

Opponent Testimony of Troy Keller  
Varsity Lawn Care, Seneca County, Ohio  
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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 Troy Keller, and I am a small business owner in Seneca County, where I live with my wife and children.

My company provides lawn care services to WIN Waste Innovations Seneca County. The business relationship we have with WIN Waste is extremely important to my company, my family, and my employees. While working in and around the landfill I have seen firsthand the exceptional pride that WIN's front-line workers take in their jobs. WIN Waste has an extreme focus on safety and environmental protection.

I oppose SB119 because it is an unnecessary tax on local business and creates uncertainty for businesses that are looking to invest here in Ohio. Whether that business is large or small, adding unnecessary fees and taxes impacts everyone, including my customers and the residents of Ohio. Ohio's business climate has historically been supportive of business, jobs, economic growth for large and small companies. So, why now, are you looking to enact a law that specifically targets a company operating well within the regulations already set forth by the law? A company that takes pride in the great work they do and supports other local business growth?

I spend many hours in and around WIN Waste's Seneca County facility. I know it is safe, and so do my team members. In fact, most of the facility is just a big green hill. I would ask that you go visit and see for yourself the Great work that is being done by the company and by companies like mine that thrive off this economic driver in Seneca. WIN supports me and my family, and I support them, just as I believe the Ohio legislature should.

I am happy to answer any questions from the committee. Thank you again for the time.