

SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Interested Party Testimony on Amended Substitute Senate Bill 119

Honorable Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, Senator Wilkin and Senator O'Brien:

I am Miami County Sanitary Engineer, and I am writing to you on behalf of the Miami County Solid Waste Management District (MCSWMD) to express our concerns about the potential effects of SB 119 in its current form on our District and the residents and businesses in Miami County. Miami County's population is approximately 115,000. For more than 25 years, all the solid waste generated by businesses and residents within Miami County has been delivered to the District-owned and operated Miami County Transfer Station where the waste is processed and then transported to an out-of-district landfill for disposal. MCSWMD annually disposes approximately 120,000 tons of solid waste processed through the Miami County Transfer Station. The District also operates a comprehensive drop-off recycling program for its residents.

Under Amended Substitute SB 119 in its current form, the solid waste district where the Miami County Transfer Station delivers its waste would charge MCSWMD an additional \$2.75 per ton, based on the proposed Ohio EPA solid waste disposal fee of \$7.50 per ton and the proposed \$4.00 per ton solid waste disposal fee levied by the solid waste district where the landfill is located. This amounts to an additional annual cost of \$330,000 to MCSWMD. The Miami County Transfer Station will have to increase its user fee from \$53.80 per ton to \$56.55 per ton just to cover the proposed fee increases.

In addition, the increases to the Ohio EPA and solid waste management district disposal fees will cause MCSWMD to incur additional expenses to dispose contaminated waste that is picked up by the District's drop-off recycling program. Overall, the proposed fee increases will result in approximately \$336,000 of added expense to the District which must be passed through to Miami County businesses and residents in the form of increased user fees at the Transfer Station.

Amended Substitute SB 119 is intended to address concerns about the disposal of out-of-state waste in Ohio. The importation of large quantities of out-of-state waste affects a relatively small number of landfills and solid waste districts in Ohio. Miami County respectfully requests the members of this committee to develop legislation that addresses the concerns regarding disposal

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of out-of-state waste at Ohio landfills in a more targeted way instead of imposing a large State-wide increase in the amount of Ohio EPA and solid waste district disposal fees that will increase the cost of waste disposal for everyone in Miami County and the State of Ohio.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to our concerns. I am happy to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding our concerns about SB 119.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul P. Huelskamp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Paul P. Huelskamp, PE PS
Miami County Sanitary Engineer.