



May 30, 2022

The Honorable Tim Schaffer
Chairman
Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 119 Written Opponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Schaffer:

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA) is a statewide trade association formed in 1947 representing both independent conventional producers and large independent horizontal operators exploring Ohio's shale play. OOGA membership also consists of midstream and downstream companies, all playing an important role in the exploration, production, processing, transportation and refining of Ohio's oil and natural gas. Due to its diverse membership, OOGA engages in public policy issues impacting all aspects of Ohio's oil and gas industry.

We write today in opposition to Senate Bill 119. The bill makes a variety of changes to Ohio's solid waste laws and, among other things, significantly increases total fees on the transfer or disposal of solid waste. This large fee increase offers nothing in return to benefit the customer who will inevitably end up paying the new charges.

More notable is who *isn't* supporting this bill. Ohio EPA and Ohio's solid waste districts were not listed as proponents of the legislation at the previous proponent hearing. These are the entities that typically benefit from an increase in solid waste fees. Their absence of support is telling.

It appears that the legislation is designed to penalize one operator in one county for past operation issues. Our membership finds it troubling that all of Ohio's customers and the responsible waste service operators are paying for the past mistakes of one facility. This legislation uses a carpet-bombing approach when a surgical strike is much more appropriate.

We would urge the committee to reject Senate Bill 119. We think it much more appropriate to deal with any troubling facilities specifically and not punish Ohioans or the many excellent waste operators in Ohio; some of whom are headquartered right here in the Buckeye State.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our opposition to the bill. You can contact me at rob@ooga.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brundrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rob Brundrett
President