

We are writing in support of SB 119. My wife Cathy and I have lived at 817 S. SR 587, Fostoria, since 1986. We can see the mounds of dirt covered trash at the dump known as Sunny Farms Landfill from our front yard. Several times a week we drive State Routes 224 and 23 which are the southern and eastern boundaries of the dump. Over the years we have witnessed the growth and the related odors, sounds, and litter that come from the acceptance and handling of east coast trash at the dump.

The rail cars that transport the trash, travel nearly 150 miles from the Ohio-Pennsylvania border to Seneca County. These are open top rail cars that allow rainwater to wash over the trash and run out the bottom of the cars. This happens during the entire journey across Ohio if it is raining. There are puddles of rainwater around the rail cars as they sit on the grounds of the dump after it rains.

Any legislation which requires more local control and oversight of the dump by the Ohio EPA and any regulatory agency is a step in the right direction. The complete stopping of acceptance of out of state trash is ideally what is needed to end this problem.

Someday the liner that is under the mounds of trash will fail – nothing that is manmade lasts forever.

What legacy do we want to leave for future generations?

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