

Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District



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Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Interested Party Testimony on Amended Substitute Senate Bill 119

Chairman Schaffer, vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Substitute Senate Bill 119.

I, Director of the Adams-Clermont Joint Solid Waste District, am writing at the request of my Board to express concern about the potential effects of SB 119 in its current form on our District; specifically, the withdraw provision. The existing process for division of districts was designed to facilitate cooperation among districts to attempt to resolve conflicts prior to a dissolution occurring. The proposed Bill 119 makes the process too easy and requires dissolution on too short of a time frame. The timeframe identified in existing rules is 20 months, which accurately reflects the time necessary to develop revenue sources, split resources, and ratify new solid waste plans. A timeline of 180 days, as proposed in SB 119, is unattainable, which will result in the loss of local control of the planning process as the state steps in to meet the 180 day deadline. Rushing the formation of districts and solid waste plans can result in unintended consequences, such as the loss of vital waste and recycling services.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to our concerns. Feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Hannah Lubbers, Director