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To: Ohio House Community Revitalization Committee

From: Hemmelgarn Services, Inc.

RE: Proposed Senate Bill 147

Date: May 12, 2025

Dear Ohio House Community Revitalization Committee Members:

My name is Sarah Graves with Taylorsville Road Hardfill, a Construction & Demolition Debris (C&DD) landfill located in Montgomery County, Ohio and Hemmelgarn Services, Inc, a C&DD recycling and transportation company. I am writing today in opposition to Senate Bill 147.

While we sympathize with the stresses that Senator Reineke has expressed, Senate Bill 147 proposes unfair and exorbitant fees on C&DD material based on an isolated issue in Seneca County that should be handled at the local level.

If Seneca County were allowed to divorce from the Joint Solid Waste District, they would have the increased funding they deem necessary for oversight. They would also have increased oversight at the major facility of concern in their district.

The fees as proposed in Senate Bill 147 need to be removed because they result in double taxation of C&DD collected by Solid Waste Management Districts that do not have jurisdiction over C&DD (thereby contradicting House Bill 597). It will also discourage source separation by residents and home builders- why separate the C&DD material that is easily recyclable if they will be charged the same fees as Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) regardless?

We hope Seneca County will consider forming a coalition of industry professional to solve any problems that might remain if and when they are able to become an independent solid waste district. These fees will not stem the out of state waste, but it will negatively impact all Ohioans. Please remove the exorbitant fees and leave Ohio Citizens out of the Seneca county fight.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah Graves'.

Sarah Graves, Operations Manager