

Ohio House of Representatives Community Revitalization Committee

S.B No 147 and H.B. No 222 Proponent Testimony (in Person)

May 20, 2025

Chair Click, Vice Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer, and members of the Community Revitalization committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

My name is Anthony Paradiso, a Seneca County Commissioner. I am here today to provide proponent testimony in Support of SB 147 and HB 222.

Communicating the size and scope of the problem at hand in Seneca County is challenging. For years now, we have tried to describe the painful situation we are in regarding the unchecked growth of this landfill. To help committee members understand this fully, I included in my testimony on May 6 a video of the landfill. Today, I have included with my testimony a 13-slide attachment showing the growth in area/size of WIN Waste Innovations of Seneca County from 84 acres in 1993 to 1,191 acres in 2024, a 1317.86% increase. The slides also show that the Landfill property line is just 6,518.25 feet from the City of Fostoria and 6,960.50 feet from the Fostoria Reservoir.

We appreciate the amendments offered last week by members of this committee. With the adoption of the amendments last week, we have seen parties who were originally opposed to the bill withdrawal their opposition. We, too, support the amendments.

This has been a very specific issue for a specific area in Ohio. But the problem of out of state trash coming into Ohio is real. This legislation will help put in place necessary changes to help all of Ohio deal with this growing problem.

I respectfully ask you to vote YES for the passage of this legislation which would provide local control and resources for Seneca County and anyone in Ohio who may need it to provide oversight for Solid waste districts and Local health departments.

I would welcome any questions from the committee at this time and urge your support on the bills.