



**OHIO CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

March 31, 2025

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

RE: Senate Bill 147 Interested Party Testimony

Dear Chairman Schaffer:

On behalf of Ohio Chamber members, I am submitting this interested party letter regarding Senate Bill 147.

While SB 147 does not create new fees it does allow local entities to authorize to levy new fees particularly fees for construction and demolition debris (C&DD). According to the fiscal analysis prepared by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission the increase for C&DD disposal could be between \$5.1 million and \$20.4 million annually. The wide range of increase is due to the permissive nature of the language, but it is hard to imagine a local district would not charge the new fee structure. Any increase would burden the cost of construction.

To date, neither the Ohio EPA, Ohio solid waste districts nor local public health departments have asked for increased funds to perform their functions. This appears to be a specific local issue regarding out of state trash that uses a state level approach to marginally address that issue.

Instead of looking toward additional fees, the Ohio Chamber would suggest increasing the use of recycling facilities to repurpose materials for additional goods produced by Ohio manufacturers. Or lean into new technologies to turn solid waste into energy. Such technologies would divert recyclables then convert the remaining solid waste into electricity. Placement of 170 of these waste to energy facilities could capture close to 95% of the waste currently slated for landfills and solid waste districts. This approach may better address the issue of out of state waste and proper handling of waste streams throughout Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments as the committee deliberates SB 147.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Anthony Long".

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