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Proponent of HB 422 with inclusion of the amendment

Testimony of Steven White on HB 422

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 422. My name is Steve White and I represent Republic Services in Ohio. Republic Services is a leader in the environmental services industry. However, today I am speaking on behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA). The NWRA is a national association of solid waste management companies.

The Ohio Chapter of the NWRA supports HB 422 with the addition of language that is in the amendment. As written., HB 422 would create, in part, an appeal process for improper billing of municipal services. The NWRA believes that this seems fair and appropriate.

However, as the introduced version was drafted, we believe that HB 422 could be used to challenge the reasonableness of charges for municipal services including solid waste management. We are concerned that this could lead to precedents that could be used in other venues to argue about solid waste collection and pricing. We do not believe that this is the intent of HB 422.

We respectfully suggest that the Bill be amended to prohibit the appeals board from considering appeals related to the reasonableness or appropriateness or the charges or rates or municipal services relative to the services rendered.

Thank you, I would be happy to answer any questions.