

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 4/30/2024

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Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): Senate Bill 119

Specific Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

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How much time will your testimony require? Written Testimony Only

Please provide a brief statement on your position: Adding additional tax and regulatory burden to Ohio's Construction & Demolition Debris Management program would be detrimental to Ohio businesses and citizens.

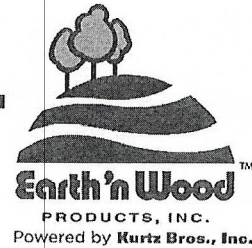
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Chairman Kick, Vice Chair Lear, Ranking Member Rodgers, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to SB 119.

My name is John Kurtz, our company Kurtz Bros., Inc. will be negatively impacted by SB 119. I am submitting this letter in opposition to SB 119.

Currently, state levied C&DD fees provide local boards of health a minimum of \$0.20 per cubic yard of C&DD material disposed of in the health district. The proposed SB 119 "permissive fee" would allow for a 1100% increase per ton disposed in funding to the health departments. This also represents an over 330% increase in the total fees levied on the disposal of C&DD.

Ohio businesses manage Construction and Demolition Debris generated by the communities in Ohio. Burdening all of Ohio's construction projects, brown field development projects, blighted home removal projects and renovations projects across the state of Ohio with an allowed for 330% increase in taxes is not prudent.

SB 119 also creates two completely different methods of levying fees assessed on the disposal of CDD, creating a significant burden on the CDD industry. For example, SB 119 new fees require the fees be assessed by the ton, while existing CDD disposal fees can be assessed by the CY. Levying fees in two distinctly different ways, significantly increases the regulatory burden, which has not been considered.

I hope this body recognizes that adding additional tax and regulatory burden to Ohio businesses and citizens is not a beneficial change to Ohio's Construction and Demolition Debris management program.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Kurtz  
Chairman/CEO  
Kurtz Bros., Inc.