



SENATE BILL 119 – REGARDS SOLID WASTE AND CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS

WRITTEN INTERESTED PARTY TESTIMONY

OHIO SENATE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MAY 30, 2023

Chairman Schaffer, Vice-Chairman Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Ohio Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, I am writing on behalf of the nearly 21,000 members of the National Federation of Independent Business in Ohio (NFIB) to convey our concerns with Senate Bill 119.

For reference, NFIB is a small business trade association founded 80 years ago that is dedicated to representing the interests of small and independent businesses across our state and nation. NFIB's mission is to promote the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. NFIB members come from all industry sectors and each of the 88 counties across Ohio. Our average member has 20 or fewer employees and has less than \$2 million in annual gross receipts.

SB 119 contains fee increase proposals that would lead to significantly increased costs for businesses across Ohio who dispose of solid waste and construction waste via their local county or joint solid waste management district. For instance, under this legislation, the total state fees paid by some businesses on the transfer or disposal of solid waste will increase by up to 79% per ton. As for construction and demolition debris, the proposed fee increase may be up to approximately 341% per ton. Furthermore, SB 119 would cause businesses who dispose of waste in their own solid waste management district to be charged the same amount as their counterparts in other districts across the state rather than take advantage of the current fee credit they receive for disposal in their home districts.

NFIB fully understands that Ohio's disposal fees are currently one of the lowest in our region and our members share the concern that Ohio should not serve as the place where the bulk of our nation's waste

and debris be deposited. However, such large increases in disposal fees will negatively impact small businesses who operate by slim margins and have already been burdened by high levels of prolonged inflation and hiring and labor difficulties. NFIB urges the committee to carefully review this legislation so that Ohio's small business are not forced to pay drastically more in fees associated with the necessary, approved disposal of waste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron J. Garczyk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and "G".

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