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Senate Natural Resources Committee
Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Room 210
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November 2, 2015

Senate Natural Resources Committee Members,

My name is Elisa Seltzer and I am representing Emmet County. Thank you for bringing up Senate Bill 507 regarding recycling measurement. Although I am unable to attend the Natural Resources Committee hearing on Wednesday, November 4th, 2015, I would like to offer Emmet County's support for this legislation and have the attached Resolution of Support that was recently passed by the Emmet County Board of Commissioners added to the Committee Record on Thursday October 15, 2015.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisa Seltzer".

Elisa Seltzer
Director

Emmet County Resolution of Support
of
State of Michigan
Senate Bill 507

Whereas:

The County of Emmet enacted and the State of Michigan approved the Emmet County Solid Waste Plan, which establishes the support and expansion of all existing recycling and resource recovery programs and facilities;

Whereas:

Emmet County's Solid Waste Plan supports working cooperatively with the state, regional agencies, private waste service industries, and other counties in northern Michigan to improve the overall effectiveness of resource recovery programs;

Whereas:

The County of Emmet County has demonstrated leadership in best practices in solid waste management, recycling and composting over the past twenty-five years;

Whereas:

Emmet County's award-winning programs include recycle drop sites, weekly residential and commercial curbside recycling collection, a Materials Recovery Facility, Compost Facility, Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off program, bulky recyclable drop-off, electronics recycling drop-off, pharmaceuticals drop-offs, and education programs in the schools and the greater community including facility tours to demonstrate the value and success of these practices;

Whereas:

The County of Emmet, in order to monitor progress in all its resource recovery programs and assess recycling success measures all incoming and outgoing recyclables volumes and weights;

Whereas:

The state of Michigan has set a goal of doubling its recycling rate to 30% of the waste stream and Emmet County has already exceeded that goal with a recycling rate of 42%;

Whereas:

The Governor's Recycling Council, of which Emmet County's DPW Director is a member, has supported the development of SB 507 in order to accurately assess, track and measure actual volumes of recycling activity in the state;

Whereas:

Emmet County successfully models best practices and the ability and importance of tracking recycling volumes in order to demonstrate progress;

Whereas:

By measuring recycling volumes and economic activity, Emmet County has been able to demonstrate a savings of up to \$2.5 million in a given year by recycling;

Accordingly, it is hereby resolved that the County of Emmet supports Senate Bill 507 which will provide a foundation for additional policy steps to help grow Michigan's statewide recycling rate, resulting in savings of millions of dollars in manufacturing costs and job growth throughout the state.

Adopted by the County of Emmet on this day, Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: 6

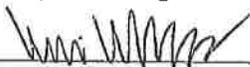
NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

State of Michigan)
County of Emmet)

I, Juli Wallin, Clerk of the County of Emmet and the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on October 15, 2015.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Emmet this 15th day of October, 2015, at Petoskey, Michigan.



Juli Wallin, Clerk