

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Local Government Committee

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: March 18, 2025

RE: Chamber Position: **Oppose H.B. 620**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), representing nearly 10,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I am writing to express our opposition to **House Bill 620 (Isaacson)**, which increases the Recycling Fee to \$5 per ton.

The Recycling Fee functions as a pass-through cost, meaning that any hike in this fee will ultimately be shouldered by the users of disposal facilities—our municipalities, citizens, and businesses. As such, increasing the Recycling Fee subsequently increases the cost of essential services provided to Pennsylvania’s citizens and businesses.

Additionally, increasing waste fees will likely drive some waste disposal activity out of state, resulting in a decrease in waste volume processed within Pennsylvania. This reduction would have a ripple effect: lower waste volumes lead to reduced state revenue, undermining key environmental programs such as the Pennsylvania Recycling Fund and the Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund. Local host municipalities will face significant revenue losses, which will directly affect municipal recycling programs and hinder their ability to fund essential services that rely on these fees.

Effective, affordable, and sustainable waste and recycling management is essential for safeguarding public health, protecting the environment, and supporting the infrastructure needed for economic growth in Pennsylvania. Not only does this bill increase costs for consumers, who are already facing rising costs of everything from groceries to utilities, House Bill 620 negatively impacts host municipalities and the vital local revenue streams that help fund essential services for communities across the state.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose House Bill 620.

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