

January 17, 2013

Senator Kurt Schaefer 201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 221 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Senator Schaefer,

The North Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region B has passed a Resolution (attached) opposing Senate Bill 13 and the elimination of Solid Waste Districts. Region-B is the largest District consisting of 11 counties in north central Missouri including Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, and Sullivan.

Almost all recycling efforts in the region are handled by non-profits ie: sheltered workshops, which have been supported by the Solid Waste District. Only 5 communities out of the 75 in our District have curbside recycling programs offered. All of the rest are voluntary.

Administration the Solid Waste District has resulted in diverting the following special and banned items from the landfills over the past five years:

- 107.77 Tons of Tires including approximately 6,712 passenger tires, 138 truck tires, and 21 large tractor tires.
- 60 Tons of Textiles including clothing, bedding, and shoes
- 26,954 pounds of miscellaneous electronics including towers, computer accessories, printers, copiers, cell phones, etc.
- 248 Televisions (14,471 Pounds) and 232 Monitors (9,316 Pounds)
- 218 Appliances including refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, and air conditioners
- 11.79 Tons of Scrap Metal
- 31 55 gallon drums of latex paint (An additional 350 gallons were reused)
- 20 55 gallon drums of oil based paint, varnish, & stains (An additional 150 gallons were reused.)
- 7 55 gallon drums of Used Oil
- 9 cubic yards of Aerosol Cans
- 9,685 Pounds of Miscellaneous Cleaners and Solvents (Flammable)
- 1,789 Pounds of Herbicides and Pesticides
- 1,617 Pounds of Household Cleaners
- 3720 pounds of Lead Acid Batteries and 1150 pounds of Household Batteries
- 106 Fluorescent 4 foot Bulbs and 16 Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

A part of the Solid Waste District's Administration includes working with the business and education community to assist them with their recycling needs and initiatives. District staff also answers calls from the general public concerning questions about locations of recycling sites and how to properly dispose of various forms of waste. Grant development, educational presentations, and District collections round out the District's services.

In the last 5 years, the District has awarded grants to:

- The cities of Gilman City, Unionville, and Gallatin to start curbside recycling
- Caldwell and Grundy County to provide intercommunity recycling. This project benefits 10 small communities that would not have access to recycling without the project.
- Purchase two box vans, a used service truck, a used semi-truck, and a recycling trailer, for the sheltered workshops to use to collect and transport recyclables in our District
- District funds paid for the proper disposal of special and banned items

- District funds purchased a skid loader, trailer, portable scales, and recycling containers to enhance the Districts collection capacity
- Awarded grants to cities, school districts, and sheltered workshops to initiate their respective recycling efforts. Items purchased as a result of grant awards include: recycling trailers, a compost screen, an oil furnace, and recycling bins
- The District is about to start a region wide glass recycling project

For 20 years, the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District-B, for has been an important part of collecting and recycling household hazardous waste, and banned items. The efforts of the District has prevented these items from being placed in landfills or illegally disposed of throughout rural areas.

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NORTH MISSOURI SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – REGION B RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION SENATE BILL 13

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Whereas, the State of Missouri has an existing set of laws, rules and regulations that have proven to be effective in managing solid waste and meeting the goal of reducing the volume of waste being landfilled in the state by 40 percent; and

Whereas, the focus of the Solid Waste Management Law is to promote regional solid waste planning through Solid Waste Management Districts made up of local government representatives; and

Whereas, SB 13 includes multiple negative changes to the Solid Waste Management law and would be extremely detrimental to the Solid Waste Districts that work to expand recycling at the local level; and

Whereas, the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region B, charged with responsibility of regional solid waste planning and reducing the volume of waste landfilled in the eleven-county area, has worked diligently to address solid waste issues and recycling in the region; and

Whereas, it appears that the intent of SB 13 is to alter the original intent of the law by eliminating all twenty Solid Waste Districts in the state; and

Whereas, SB 13 will remove <u>all</u> local control of the Districts including local grant awards and gives control to MDNR; and

Whereas, the Bill reduces the landfill tipping fee from \$2.11 to \$1.71 and the C&D fee from \$1.41 to \$1.20; and

Whereas, SB 13 increases the allocation to MDNR to operate the department from 39% to 57%, providing additional funding for a state agency at the expense of local governments and local programs that are far more effective; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District – Region B, voiced its opposition to SB 13 and authorized the president to sign this resolution requesting the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District delegation to oppose this legislation.

1104 Main Street Trenton, MO 64683 phone 660-359-5636 fax 660-359-3096 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution will be provided to the appropriate members of the Missouri Legislature and the Honorable Jay Nixon, Governor of the State of Missouri, as necessary.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED this 17nd day of January, 2013, at a regular meeting of the Executive Board for the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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ATTEST: (SEAL)

Secretary Kerry Sampson