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Dear Representative,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

They also create revenue for small businesses owners with the fabric and patterns that they offer. They create a sense of community. As well as teach the community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear sir or Madame,

Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to speak about this bill. I know our Republican representative wasn't to cut the budget and stop waste but by cutting funding you will produce more waste. I know most of our Missouri general Assembly persons do not value our environment. They are in with waste. The business this funding supports are a way to promote small business and improve the environment. I got this notice from a business called the City Sewing Room. They recycle reuse fabrics that would be discarded into environment. They give people the opportunity to learn and create beautiful things like quilts. We are losing so many people that don't know how to sew. It used to be something that mostly daughters learned from their mom's. If we don't have these business to support the education of sewing we just lose more and more creative work. There is a national quilt museum that displays well crafted quilts.

Republicans want women in a more traditional roll and this is a way to promote more feminine talents. Although anyone can do this if they want. This also promotes the use of math esp geometry. It can keep young women engaged (there are classes for teenagers) and out of trouble.

I am asking you really consider what we will lose by not having funding to these places.



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I am in support of hb2761. After I met with a gentleman from Franklin County that is having landfill waste contaminate his property that he farms on and is limited on what he can and can't do because of it I believe this is a good bill to help him get that problem resolved. I personally couldn't imagine waking up on that property every day knowing its constantly being contaminated because a landfill didn't follow regulations as if there were any when it was first developed. I know he said he's really been trying to get something done starting at County level and has had no luck. This is a great bill to help that gentleman get something accomplished.

Thanks



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We need to safeguard our environment.			



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My name is Dr. Isabehl Ascher, and I am a local chiropractor. I both live and practice in this community. I care for several hundred patients in the area who live, work, and raise their families near the Generally landfill.

I was deeply concerned, genuinely surprised—and frankly alarmed—to learn about the extent of the toxic and uncontrolled landfill so close to our homes and businesses. As a healthcare professional, I have a responsibility to advocate for the safety and wellbeing of the community. Exposure to unmanaged landfill emissions, groundwater contamination, and airborne pollutants can have long-term health impacts, especially for children, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic respiratory or immune conditions.

This issue directly affects my family, my patients, my neighbors, and my practice. Our community deserves clear oversight, modern safety standards, and strong accountability measures for any waste management site operating near residential areas.

I urge lawmakers to prioritize public health, environmental responsibility, and transparency by supporting any efforts in these areas. Protecting our community from preventable health risks should be a legislative priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Dr. Isabehl Ascher
Local Resident & Chiropractic Physician
St. Clair, Missouri



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Thank you for this opportunity to speak about this proposed bill, and hopefully my testimony will convince you of the dire need to strengthen our laws regarding landfills. My name is Elaine Arter and I am the unfortunate holder of the 2024 tax lien of a landfill in St. Clair, Missouri. I am a born and raised Missourian, I am a retired nurse, a mother of two, and grandmother extraordinaire of six. I've also practiced real estate since the early 2000s, and I also invest in foreclosures and tax sale properties. I'm here to tell you my story regarding the complex matter of landfills and how they relate to tax sales. I am here to protect property values and rights, and drinking water for all Missourians. In August of 2024, I won the tax sale certificate of a 40-acre parcel of land in Franklin County which borders St. Clair and Union. Within a few days of obtaining the certificate, I was contacted by Jim Roberts whose property adjoins the parcel. I was shocked when he informed me that the parcel contained an abandoned landfill known as the Generally Hauling Landfill. After taking a few days of absorbing this news and reviewing everything I researched prior to participating in the tax sale, I came to the conclusion that I was deceived and was a victim of a scheme by Franklin County to try to force me to take possession of a dump. According to Franklin County, my options were limited. I could take possession of the parcel and be liable for the environmental and property damage associated with the landfill, or I could simply walk away and forfeit my money. As someone who has purchased numerous tax sale properties, I knew otherwise. I knew there are a few ways I could get my money returned to me, but Franklin County even today continues to refuse my legal right to do so. I began communicating with the county commission and the collector of revenue shortly after the tax sale and asked if they were aware they illegally auctioned a landfill. Of which, I discovered that, yes, they were aware, but insisted they did nothing wrong. After many phone calls and emails and speaking at a commission meeting, my money has yet to be returned. My research has revealed that the current state statutes can be enforced differently from county to county. Many counties in Missouri have landfills and their collectors follow the current guidelines of the Waste Management Program under MDNR. The county collectors I've spoken with agree that a tax sale certificate holder does have a vested interest in a property; therefore, can get their money returned to them through the means of self-redemption. I can also get my money back by redeeming it on behalf of a prior owner, but both options have been denied me by Franklin County. I will highlight to you four current state statutes as they currently stand. This first one is regarding the selling of landfills:

260.213. Disclosure of landfill, sale of property, required. — No person may knowingly sell, convey or transfer title to any property that contains a permitted or unpermitted solid waste disposal site or demolition landfill, without disclosing to the buyer early in the negotiation process the existence and location of the site. The seller shall also notify the buyer that he may be assuming liability to the state

for any remedial action at the site, except that the sale, conveyance or transfer of property shall not absolve any person responsible for the illegal disposition of solid waste, including the seller, of liability for any remedial action at the site.

Franklin County argues that they didn't "sell" the property because they're not the owner; they only auctioned the parcel at a tax sale. Secondly, they state they're not the "owner of record", so they believe the statute doesn't apply to them and can't be liable.

The second statute I'd like to read is specifically related to the redemption of a tax sale certificate:

140.340. Redemption — Upon paying the reasonable and customary costs of sale to the county collector for the use of the purchaser, his or her heirs, successors, or assigns; the owner; lienholder; or occupant of any land or lot sold for taxes, or any other persons having an interest therein, shall have the absolute right to redeem the same at any time during the one year next ensuing and shall continue to have a defeasible right to redeem the same until such time as the tax sale purchaser acquires the deed, at which time the right to redeem shall expire, provided upon the expiration of the lien evidenced by a certificate of purchase under section 140.410 no redemption shall be required.

Even though I am the "purchaser" of the tax lien, and a lienholder, and because I am a "person that has an interest" in the property as stated in this statute, Franklin County still denies my right to redeem. As I stated before, these statutes are being enforced very differently in other counties that I've researched. St. Louis and Warren counties would have returned my money in the same scenario. There are two additional statutes that discuss the validity of a sale and the right to redemption.

140.530. Invalidity of sale, when. — No sale or conveyance of land for taxes shall be valid if at the time of being listed such land shall not have been liable to taxation, or, if liable, the taxes thereon shall have been paid before sale, or if the description is so imperfect as to fail to describe the land or lot with reasonable certainty and for the first two enumerated causes, the money paid by the purchaser at such void sale shall be refunded, with interest, out of the county treasury, on order of the county commission.

Never was it disclosed or advertised that it was a landfill in anything that the county published for the tax sale. Even though this statute clearly states that because the parcel was not adequately described, the commission refuses to return my money. Further, they believe that "chatter" in the room before the sale was sufficient disclosure to the public.

The final statute I'm going to quote is:

140.540. Invalidity of sale — refund of purchase money — tolling of statute. — Whenever the county collector shall discover, prior to the conveyance of any lands sold for taxes, that the sale was for any cause whatever, invalid, he shall not convey such lands; but the purchase money and the interest thereon shall be refunded out of the county treasury to the purchaser, his representatives or assigns, on the order of the county commission.

This statute clearly states that for any cause discovered by the collector that a sale is invalid, the commission should return my money with interest. But, the county refuses to declare the sale invalid. When it comes down to the real motivation of why they sold a landfill on a tax sale without sufficient disclosure, and why I am being denied my right to self-redeem, it's because the county does not want to own this landfill. They have known for years by MDNR that it was structurally failing, and so their remedy was to try to unload it at the 2020 and 2024 tax sales. They don't want to be liable for a failing landfill and the damage it has caused.

So now, because of their complacency or deceitful practice, this has delayed any real progress or opportunity to fix it. Their tactic has resulted in an environmental disaster that has permeated underground into Jim Roberts' stream which feeds a creek and the Meramec River. Documents from MDNR have proven this landfill has been problematic due to a history of questionable ownership, illegal dumping and structural failure. It is only because of the push by Senator Brown and Representative Banderman that the county is finally seeking federal assistance through a grant after years of ignoring the problem.

This is truly a tragedy of governmental failure. Because of what I do for a living in real estate, and because I am pro-property rights, and I love clean water, I am determined to help Jim Roberts. I will raise awareness regarding the public health risk and the environmental damage associated with our

abandoned landfills. Our property values are at risk along with our right to quiet enjoyment. Let me touch on the subject of tax sales before I finish. Most of us would agree that we don't like paying taxes, and we believe our money is often wasted, but I do like safe roads and bridges, public libraries and schools, parks, and knowing that when I need emergency services, they will be there. All of these are very important to any community, and are funded by our real estate taxes. So, when a property owner dies or for any reason they don't pay their real estate taxes, a county has to make up the difference through annual delinquent tax sales. It is tax sale investors such as myself that help close that gap in county budgets. The Franklin County Collector boasted receiving an excess of \$386,000 from the 2024 tax sale, and over \$438,000 from the 2025 tax sale. That is a staggering shortfall that the county needed for its budget. If we disenfranchise investors and scare them away using the same tactics that Franklin County used on me, it will hurt communities. So, let's make sure we don't demonize tax sale investors because we need them. We need to make sure our statutes protect everyone from questionable county practices.

I am grateful to Representative Brad Banderman and Senator Ben Brown for taking on such a monumental task of sponsoring a bill that will not only allow a way to fund the closure and cleanup of our abandoned landfills, but also a bill that will further solidify the disclosure of a landfill BEFORE it's sold on a tax sale. This bill protects the environment, our drinking water, and the disruption of our right to quiet enjoyment of property caused by an abandoned, leaking landfill. And, it will help prevent another disaster such as that on Jim Roberts' farm.



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Missouri State Representatives
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Support for the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District

Dear Representatives,

The St. James Caring Center is committed to improving public health and enhancing the quality of life for disadvantaged families in our region. As the only food pantry serving our area—where 19.1% of residents live in poverty, 20% are seniors, and more than half of public school children rely on free or reduced price lunches play a vital role in meeting essential needs. Our vision is to empower every member of our community to thrive, from childhood through their senior years.

Support from the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District (OSWMD) has been instrumental in helping us fulfill this mission. Through OSWMD grants, we have been able to purchase a textile baler, acquire tools for our workshop that refurbishes unsellable furniture for our Thrift Store, and distribute recycling bins during our community “Recycling Training” sessions. These investments have strengthened both our environmental stewardship and our capacity to serve families in crisis.

Our textile recycling program diverts clothing, linens, and other fabrics from the landfill by baling and transporting them to a local recycling center. The new baler alone has increased our output by three additional 18 wheeler loads per year—more than 50 tons of material kept out of the waste stream. We also recycle metals, accept recyclable items from the public, and provide education on responsible waste management. These efforts reduce landfill burden, promote sustainability, and engage residents in environmental responsibility.

The Caring Center’s Thrift Store directly supports our benevolent services, which include assistance with rent, utilities, deposits, non narcotic prescriptions, and transportation to medical appointments. We provide essential household items to families recovering from house fires, donate goods to partner organizations serving individuals who are homeless, abused, or ill, and work closely with schools to ensure children in foster care receive necessities.

Without grant funding, our ability to meet these growing needs would be significantly diminished. The

Ozarks Solid Waste Management District has been a vital partner in reducing waste, expanding recycling education, and supporting vulnerable families across our region.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to reconsider the decision to eliminate the OSWMD. Its programs are cost effective, community centered, and essential to the health and well being of the people we serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your commitment to the citizens of Missouri and hope you will continue to support the resources that strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,

Nancy Montgomery

Executive Director

St. James Caring Center



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As a staff member of The Sewing Labs, a federal and state registered apprenticeship program in industrial sewing based in Kansas City, Missouri, we've directly benefitted from The MARC Solid Waste Management District. Without them, we would have zero recycling in place. Thanks to the existence of MARC SWMD, we have been able to implement co-mingled recycling and textile recycling. We've kept about 200 lbs of cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper out of landfills since October 2025 and 470 lbs of textile waste out of landfills since June 2025. This result in less cost for landfills and healthier, more sustainable communities.

Please keep the Solid Waste Management Districts in place.



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Many key organizations in our community depend on grants from this. Ending funding to organizations like bworks and perennial would be devastating.



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Please keep this valuable service.			



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We have to take care of our earth. It is the only one we have. We all need to do our part.



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My company was one of the first to receive a grant from the MARC Solid Waste grant program in 1993-94. I've watched as the MARC Solid Waste District's funding has built programs and capacity ever since. The Kansas City region now has a robust and enviable range of waste reduction accomplishments in place. At my job for Missouri Organic Recycling a MARC grant helped MOR install a food waste depackaging unit that has reclaimed more than 150 thousand tons of food waste from being landfilled and created more than 500,000 cubic yards of compost for more fertile gardens and farms. This has helped grow food that has created the 54 farmers markets in the Kansas City area. In my education business, I've had 7 MARC SWD grants over the years and more through MOR. I've made presentations to approximately 200,000 students. As a longtime observer, I can say that food waste recovery and composting have a much higher awareness than ever before. This is a public good created by dedicated staff at the MARC Solid Waste District. I urge you to keep this program on track doing its steady work for our public and our environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak

Stan Slaughter

2000 Compost Educator of the Year-US Compost Council

Speaker at HRH Prince Charles' fundraising conference in 2016



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To eliminate solid waste management districts statewide will reduce the generation of solid waste and eliminate jobs and cost us tax revenues.. Plus, what will I do with all the waste I now take to the recycle bins?



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To the esteemed legislators of the great State of Missouri:

My name is Teresa Thevary and I am writing this testimony in support of House Bill 2761. I am the former solid waste supervisor for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' St. Louis Regional Office and have been in close contact with individuals and community groups that are directly and negatively impacted by abandoned landfills that have not been properly managed and I felt compelled to write and share a testimony in an effort to help pass this bill.

Let me begin by telling you a bit more about myself. I had ten years of experience with the department, being initially hired in 2015 to conduct air monitoring and sampling to address odor concerns around an inactive landfill in Bridgeton. I transitioned to the regional office in 2018 where I expanded my technical knowledge of the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law & regulations by inspecting many of the St. Louis region's active, inactive, and closed landfills as well as other permitted solid waste facilities. When I was promoted to supervisor for the Solid Waste/Scrap Tire Unit in January 2022, I used my knowledge and experience to advise and guide regulated entities on landfills and assist the greater community in the St. Louis region.

I hope my background and credentials lends credence to the fact that I am a leading expert on landfills in Missouri, specifically the ones in the St. Louis region. Because of my vast knowledge and experience on the subject of landfills, I would like to focus on one particular site I have been personally involved with that has been abandoned for over 30 years: Generally Hauling Sanitary Landfill (aka Interstate Disposal Systems), Solid Waste Disposal Area Permit #107104.

I can confidently say with steadfast conviction that the Generally Hauling Sanitary Landfill (Generally Landfill) is currently, without a doubt, the worst landfill facility within the St. Louis region. I would even go so far as to say it is a top contender for worst in the whole state of Missouri.

I first became aware of the many issues at Generally Landfill in January 2022, when I accompanied my former supervisor and mentor, Joe Trunko, as he conducted a routine inactive landfill inspection at the site. Joe was set to retire at the end of January and I was already chosen to be his successor so he wanted to take the opportunity to walk me around the landfill so I could observe the many visible violations and note where they were located around the landfill.

Joe had been the primary inspector of Generally Landfill for many years and he knew just how critical it was for me to see the negative physical features of the landfill myself, not only so that I could

visualize just how bad the situation at the site was but also so I could familiarize myself with where exactly on the property they were located.

Generally Landfill is quite large at 40-acres and would already be a trek on a properly maintained site. Add in the fact that the site is completely covered in established cedar trees, shrubs, other woody vegetation, and overgrown brush, it makes navigation even more of a challenge and limits inspections to the winter season, when the vegetation is the least dense. However, even with these difficult site conditions, I was able to observe many serious violations to the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law, which I will detail further below.

Generally Landfill is currently fully accessible to the public, as there is no locked gate or 'No Trespassing' signage posted at the southern entrance to the site. Because of this, unknown individuals have illegally and promiscuously dumped construction and demolition waste, bulky wastes, miscellaneous debris, and unknown materials near the landfill entrance. The waste currently dumped near the landfill's entrance did not appear to be too much of a hazard, but the possibility of something more toxic being dumped there in the future is a risk we should not be willing to take...especially when a large pile of crushed, rusted 55-gallon drums is located just outside of the landfill entrance.

Without a property owner or responsible party maintaining the site, Generally Landfill has fallen into serious disrepair. A major issue has been the severe erosion occurring throughout the landfill's surface, with the most egregious areas being in the southeast corner as well as the northern slope. The more the soil erodes and is washed away with precipitation events, the more the waste that was buried in the landfill will become exposed to the air and water. And the more waste that is exposed to the elements, the higher the potential for it to travel off-site and directly impact the surrounding environment and residents. And, let's not forget, Generally Landfill illegally operated for two years...who knows what may have been dumped at the site during that time but there are better ways to find out than having it be exposed in the open world.

Another prominent feature of the landfill are the subsided/depressed and excavated areas. There is one such excavated area that is estimated to be about 10-15 feet deep located not too far from the landfill entrance; the depth can only be estimated as this depressed area is completely full of water and the bottom cannot be determined during a standard inspection. There is also significant waste exposed along the walls of the depressed area so all of the water within it is actually considered leachate.

Leachate is a word you will hear a lot when it comes to Generally Landfill. Leachate is when water (usually through precipitation) seeps through the landfill surface, comes in contact with the buried waste, and becomes contaminated. And, just as all liquid tends to do, it will find the path of least resistance which means it will go down & out. When leachate is observed seeping onto the surface of the ground, or at the base of a slope, it's called a leachate outbreak. Leachate can be black, dark brown, or a rust-colored orange in color.

There are two concentrated areas of leachate outbreaks in the southeast corner and along the base of the northern slope. The 2020 inspection at Generally Hauling indicated that leachate was seeping out of the base of the landfill's north slope and flowing off-site, onto the northern-most property and into an unnamed tributary that leads to the Meramec River. Since site visits can only be done in winter due to the dense vegetation, the inspections since 2020 did not indicate leachate was flowing off-site due to frozen conditions. However, it is highly likely leachate freely flows off-site in warmer weather, especially after precipitation events.

At one point in time, Generally Landfill had a system to collect the leachate that was generated on-site. In a functioning system, leachate would go into the leachate collection sump where it would eventually be pumped into a leachate storage tank via pipes until it could be emptied and disposed of at a wastewater treatment plant. Both the sump and the tank are still on-site at Generally Landfill, but there is not indication that it is still functioning. In fact, liquid has repeatedly been observed in the collection sump with the potential to overflow out of it and back onto the surface of the landfill's northern slope. There may also be residual leachate in the storage tank, though that has never been confirmed. The leachate collection system should be made functional once again so that any leachate generated can be collected and stored safely and removed from the site regularly. Otherwise, it's just another method for leachate to potentially flow off-site.

There are four piezometers at Generally Landfill that are used to measure the pressure of groundwater. In a properly maintained site, these piezometers (that look like standing pvc pipes within an enclosed

container) would be locked and closed. However, 3 of the 4 piezometers at Generally Landfill are unsecured which means they are a potential direct conduit for contaminants to enter the groundwater system.

Unlike other landfills, Generally Landfill did not have a gas collection monitoring system installed at the site. However, landfills naturally generate methane gas as part of the waste decomposition process. There is always the potential for this methane gas to migrate off the landfill. Methane migration can be assessed by observing patches of dead vegetation on the landfill, which is nearly an impossible task with a densely vegetated site like Generally Landfill. Without proper monitoring, methane has the potential to migrate off-site and into a nearby enclosed building; and if that gas were to build-up, it would only be a matter of time before an explosion were to happen.

I was the primary inspector for the inactive landfill inspection that took place at Generally Landfill in February 2025, with a follow-up visit in March. The conditions I mentioned observing during the 2022 inspection remained the same, if not worse. And the landfill will continue to deteriorate and wreak havoc on the environment and surrounding community unless immediate corrective action is taken.

The responsibility of cleaning up the many serious violations at Generally Landfill should not fall upon an unsuspecting, prospective buyer at the county tax sale. This landfill was permitted to operate by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and, if clear ownership cannot be determined, then the department must be able to manage the issues and remediate the site.

Even though the passage of this bill would mean the dissolving of the solid waste management districts, I am heartened to hear that “grants for proposals which provide methods of recycling and solid waste reduction” would still be allowed, under department oversight. Local environmental organizations that heavily rely on the crucial funding these grants provide helps divert millions of pounds of waste material from landfills in Missouri; to put it simply, the more waste that is diverted from landfills, the less need for solid waste disposal areas that may ultimately be abandoned in the future. The continued distribution of funds generated from tonnage fees to these organizations means they can continue their essential work to keeping Missouri beautiful while also reducing the potential for sites, such as Generally Landfill, to reach that level of environmental degradation again.

The best time would have been to address the incomplete closure procedure when it was discovered the site was abandoned in the ‘90s. Or during any of the several inspections conducted at the site these last couple of decades when these issues were observed and noted, such as when leachate was observed to be flowing off the property along the northern border of the landfill in 2020. The second best time is now.

Landfills, when properly closed and regularly maintained, can exist in a managed state. Please pass HB 2761 to finally put an end to the environmental destruction, property damage, and negative impacts to human health that these unchecked issues at abandoned landfills have caused to Missouri and its people.

I thank you for your consideration of my testimony and your time.



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Please pass this bill. Fabric stores are disappearing. City Sewing provides a place to shop, learned different machines. This place is desperately needed.



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a constituent living in University City, MO, and I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits in our community.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert approximately 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill each week. Programs like this provide measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective and accountable.

City Sewing Room has been personally meaningful to me. I value the community there, and the training I've received has significantly elevated my skills. Learning alteration and mending techniques allows me to regularly upcycle and tailor thrifted or secondhand clothing, keeping usable items out of landfills while saving money and supporting reuse in our community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they remain transparent, accountable, and effective for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
A.J. Trujillo
7423 Gannon Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63130



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I am not opposed to all of the contents of this bill, but feel very strongly that the dissolution of the solid waste management districts will cause significant harm to the positive work that organizations in the districts have accomplished.



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Recycling grants are not free handouts. They're infrastructure investments that save money, create jobs, and reduce long-term public costs. Grants help municipalities meet state and federal diversion goals without jacking up fees on residents.

Grants also help low income communities like Mcdonald County Recycle to have the same opportunities as the bigger counties that have more tax revenue for Recycle.

Also Recycling creates more jobs per ton than land filling or incineration.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS BILL!! GOD BLESS



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding House Bill 2761 and Senate Bill 1586. I am writing to express strong concern about the proposal to eliminate Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and redirect all landfill fee revenue to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Missouri's landfill fee currently generates approximately \$8 million annually that is reinvested locally through Solid Waste Management Districts. These funds do not come from general tax revenue, they come directly from waste disposal and are returned to the communities where that waste is generated. Today, 39% of the fee supports DNR, while 61% supports local districts, and these bills would shift 100% of the funding to the state by eliminating the districts entirely.

As a Missouri resident and parent of young children, I am deeply concerned about what this change would mean for my family and my community. Solid Waste Management Districts support practical, everyday services that protect public health and quality of life, including recycling grants for cities and schools, Household Hazardous Waste programs that keep toxic materials out of homes and landfills, and public tools like RecycleSpot that help families make safer, more sustainable choices.

Eliminating these districts would reduce local recycling options, increase the risk of unsafe disposal of hazardous materials, and shift costs onto local governments - costs that often end up passed on to residents. Centralizing this funding removes local decision-making and weakens regional coordination, particularly in areas like the Kansas City region that rely on collaboration across county lines.

Missouri does need resources, but redirecting locally paid fees away from local communities will disproportionately impact regular Missourians, especially families, children, and local governments already working with limited budgets.

I urge the committee to oppose House Bill 2761 and Senate Bill 1586 and to preserve Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and the essential services they provide. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Aaron Itczak



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The majority of this bill seems needed. Cleaning up abandoned landfills is important and protects communities and land owners. However, using the final line to tack on dissolution of the Solid Waste Management Districts is an unfortunate rider. The SWMDs across the state do a phenomenal job of keeping unnecessary waste out of landfills in the first place. Please remove that portion of the bill.

Since this bill is being heard by Government Efficiency Committee, I'll also state that dissolving SWMDs is the opposite of efficiency. Being efficient is doing "more with less". Turning over all of SWMD's funds to MoDNR is going to result in doing "less with more". There's no way MoDNR can replace all of the programs, grants, coordination, communication, etc. that the Districts do. Some one-off projects may be able to happen, but overall we'll lose more than we gain as a state.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like Perennial, City Sewing Room, STL Art Works and more rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The businesses that will be impacted provide more than just environmental and sustainability impacts, but also foster community, connection, empowerment, creativity, and positive impacts on mental health. I have personally been positively impacted by several of these organizations through learning new skills, being inspired to use materials in unconventional ways, create, and connect with others. These spaces have been instrumental in improving and maintaining my mental wellbeing, like I know they have and continue to for many others. Now more than ever, these spaces for community, empowerment, and creativity are essential.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am opposed to house bill 2761. It would remove funding from essential organizations who work day in and day out to improve our environment and support sustainability in Missouri. The beauty the state of Missouri offers attracts many from across the US and the globe and without funding these organizations will not be able to support maintaining the beauty in our state.



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I am the Assistant Manager of Comet Coffee's Shaw neighborhood location in Saint Louis City, and I am submitting testimony as an individual that works at a cafe that this bill would impact. I vehemently oppose HB 2761 and urge you all to vote NO. The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient. We just recently started composting at our coffee shop through New Earth Farm, and even just one week since we've begun composting has already proven how important this funding is not only for businesses like New Earth Farm, but even more broadly for any STL business, restaurant, or cafe like Comet Coffee!

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. We want businesses like New Earth Farm to be able to continue to do the work they do unhindered, so we can continue to do the work we do as well! We are all part of making Saint Louis a more vibrant and sustainable place to live, this bill would directly and negatively affect STL businesses, workers, and residents.



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Dear Missouri Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Brightside, Ripple Glass, Remains and others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I encounter these organizations on a daily basis when engaging in waste reduction in my community. Perennial has taught me supply reuse strategies. Ripple Glass allows me to easily recycle glass. The Missouri Botanical Garden and Brightside have supported local beautification and clean up efforts.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Local organizations rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees - not general tax dollars - and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I, personally, have benefitted from these local organizations impacted by this bill and they are so important to our local communities.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable and working.



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I am writing to strongly oppose bill HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Local STL organizations like Earthday365 and Perennial rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste out of landfills each year. In addition the funds educate the public and support local MO businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems.

Please vote NO on HB2761 to support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm & PerennialSTL rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Please vote NO on HB2761!



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The bill provides grant to many local organizations across St. Louis. If those organizations lose funding, the local communities take a big hit. The environment takes a big hit. We need to protect both of those things.



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As a young person whos entire career has been built off of my first job as an artist at st louis artworks. I oppose this bill because safe spaces and places are 100% needed for teenages in st louis the ciry does not offer enough things for young people to do which is whats causing a lot of young people to fall into gangs or do other crimes. This funding is vital to many small businesses and non profits please vote no on HB2761 we need landfill management to stay under local control. Where they currently are currently meeting our needs.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Please vote NO on HB2761. I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who benefits from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The current system of distributing landfill tipping fee funds via grants has proven successful, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and intimately know the needs of their own communities, and is already highly effective and efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Again, I urge you to vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: ALICIA DELANEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like earthday365 and Perennial Community Workshop rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I am a past member of Perennial Workshop and have attended over 10 creative reuse and home maintenance classes through them over the years. I have also taken part in their clothing swaps which help to divert a significant amount of textile waste from the landfill. These classes and Perennial's mission are very important to me. Looking at the class calendar just today (January 29, 2026), most classes through the beginning of April are sold out. This organization's mission and funding are critical to the ability of citizens of Missouri to continue to partake in initiatives, classes, and events that help reduce landfill waste.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes—they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

earthday365 is a major grant recipient of the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Because of this essential funding, we:

- Employ 20 people in event waste management
- Host our annual St. Louis Earth Day Festival, connecting over 20,000 people with 200 sustainable businesses and organizations
- Help 100+ businesses improve recycling and composting systems
- Divert recyclables and organic waste from the landfill at over 35 event days each year
- Educate the public on reducing food waste and recycling correctly, with millions of impressions on our informational food waste advertisements each year

In 2025 alone, our programs directly diverted 13,730,574.5 pounds of material from landfills. That number grows even larger when you include the millions of people who engage with our educational materials each year.

And we are just one organization.

Across Missouri, hundreds of programs depend on these grants. If HB2761 passes, the effect would be enormous—leading to millions of tons of additional waste going into landfills, increased environmental and public health risks, and setbacks for local economies.

Missouri cannot afford to move backward on waste reduction. Thank you for standing with us, and with communities across the state, at this critical moment.



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This bill is bad. Local nonprofits need this money for programs that keep waste out of the landfills. As a Missouri and St. Louis resident, I oppose this.



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To Representatives Hausman, Mayhew, Burton, and the rest of the Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits, plus building community around sustainable reuse.

Organizations like City Sewing Room and Perennial STL rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of textile and other material waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars. While I understand that raising fees for solid waste disposal is necessary to keep up with costs, I believe these funds should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I personally donate textiles to both the City Sewing Room and Perennial and am grateful to have an alternative to throwing these materials in the trash where they would only cause more harm to the environment and add to solid waste management costs. I also use reclaimed materials from both these organizations to repair and create my clothing and other items. This keeps these items in use longer and keeps them out of the landfill. I also benefit from the community classes, events, and creativity made possible by these organizations.

Please vote NO on HB2761 to keep landfill diversion funds under local control where they are transparent, accountable, and have a proven positive impact on our community.

Thank you,
Alison Hoenes



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Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, and City Sewing Room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The organizations listed above have been crucial partners in my own small sewing business as suppliers of secondhand affordable materials for creative folks. All while keeping waste out of landfills. We are so fortunate to have such organizations in STL and we would be worse off if this bill passes.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Many organizations and agencies rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

We do not need additional bureaucracy at the state level. In fact, passing this bill will function in REDUCING governmental efficiency. The programs supported by funding for locally managed solid waste programs are economically impactful and meaningful to so many residents.

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City sewing room is such an integral part of South city and me specifically. I took my first sewing class here and have continued to return back for the hospitality and fabrics.

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I urge the committee to oppose this bill. I feel it is more beneficial to keep the grant level at 60% due to how many organizations use that money to help everyday constituents and companies/businesses divert waste from landfills by educating and improving recycling and composting systems. There has to be a different approach to financing "elimination of illegal solid waste disposal, solid waste permitting, and other solid waste activity administration" then taking money away from organizations that have relied on these grants for years and have a huge impact on our state.



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Dear Representatives,

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Local organizations are much better poised to help their communities lower their dependence on landfills than a bloated statewide governmental department. The trust and education that local organizations are able to foster is far greater than anything a statewide push would accomplish, as well as providing jobs to local economies. I have seen the good work done by organizations like st Louis Earth Day and it would be a travesty to remove their funding via this bill



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Defunding local environmental groups. We only get one planet and these generous organizations are doing the work to preserve it



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I care greatly about the organizations who are taking the time and effort to reduce waste going into landfills. The reuse of materials is crucial to changing the way we continue to overtax the environment both locally and globally. We already don't have reliable recycling opportunities we don't need to make it worse for those already doing a good job. We want this world to be amazing for seven generations and so on and as a parent I want that opportunity for my son and all children.



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Dear Banderman,

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WITNESS NAME: AMY COX		PHONE NUMBER: 816-946-8601	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FLOURISH FURNISHINGS, INC.		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 11971 GRANDVIEW RD.			
CITY: GRANDVIEW		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64030
EMAIL: amy@flourishfurniturebank.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 9:15 PM

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I am writing today in opposition to HB 2761 that would eliminate Solid Waste Management Districts in Missouri. Flourish is a non-profit furniture bank serving the Kansas City community by working in partnership with nearly 90 social service agencies. Through this partnership, we are able to provide a full home of furniture and home essentials to families that attain housing after periods of housing insecurity. We work with domestic violence agencies, teens aging out of foster care, unhoused veterans, families that have experienced natural disaster, and more. By partnering with the MARC Solid Waste Management District, we are able to take donated furniture and home goods that would often go to landfill, and repair and repurpose items to support the families we serve. We keep over 750 tons of items from going to landfill annually. It is innovative partnerships at the local level, such as our partnership with the MARC Solid Waste Management District, that save a great deal of waste from landfills and drive economic impact in our communities. Families that are able to use these items have more funds to spend on their daily needs and a greater chance of achieving stable housing for themselves and their children. It is not only the funding that has helped us build a model that saves the community's resources, but also the local partnership. By working with the staff at the MARC Solid Waste Management District, we have been able to build countless strategic partnerships that further our mission and serve the community as a whole. Partnerships that allow us to share donations collected from the community so that, even if we cannot use them we have partners with which to share these resources, further diverting from landfills. The MARC Solid Waste Management District is one of our greatest partners and champions and I have witnessed their staff's incredible ability to gather data, think strategically and innovatively, and forge partnerships, all to the benefit of the communities they serve. To lose this resource would impact not only our agency and the families we serve, but the community as a whole.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY HAWKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: AMY L. HILLARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This legislation would significantly harm local recycling and education programs and would eliminate local Household Hazardous Waste programs. My local Solid Waste District works closely with schools across a five-county area to provide education and outreach programs focused on recycling, waste reduction, and environmental stewardship. These long-standing partnerships support classroom learning, student engagement, and hands-on opportunities that would no longer be possible if this bill were to pass. It would also remove local control and negatively affect jobs in the recycling industry.



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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room and Sew Hope, which collect and resell fabric donations, allowed me to develop sewing skills affordably. Without these resources, I would not be able develop my creativity and make heirlooms for my children in the form of quilting.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working!

Sincerely,
Amy Ney-Carder



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URGENT: The work of City Sewing Room and many other local organizations in St. Louis and across Missouri is at threat. We need your help to fight for this essential funding. ?? Share this post!

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I love the City Sewing Room and go there regularly with family and friends. We are so lucky to have this amazing business in our town. It is a source of affordable sewing materials that also prevents landfill waste.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Missouri cannot afford to go backwards on waste management resources! Protect those who support sustainability in Missouri!



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I, Anais Beauvais, strongly oppose this bill. This would strip funding that supports local jobs, provides 300 hands-on sustainable classes, keeps over 20,000 pounds of materials out of the landfill, and gives over 7,000 residents the tools to divert & reduce their own waste. It is crucial that we keep these programs running!



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[Optional sentence(s) about how City Sewing Room has served you personally]

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

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Oppose / NO on HB 2761

HB 2761 would bypass local zoning authority and undermine Missouri's successful Solid Waste Management District system — a system that already diverts millions of pounds of waste from landfills, creates jobs, and funds effective local programs.

As someone who regularly interacts with organizations supported by this funding, I can attest that the current structure is efficient, accountable, and responsive to local needs. Centralizing these decisions at the state level risks disrupting programs that are already working.

Local solutions are delivering real results. Please vote NO on HB 2761 and protect community-based environmental programs across Missouri.



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Dear Missouri Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Brightside, Ripple Glass, Remains and others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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As a Webster Groves Sustainability Commissioner

I urge you to oppose HB 2761 and SB 1586, which would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts. These bills would dismantle successful local recycling programs while raising trash fees by up to 150% for Missouri families already struggling with rising costs.

How This Hurts Webster Groves

District grants paid for 44 recycling bins in our business districts that divert 440 pounds of waste from landfills every week. These grants also support our community's electronic waste recycling events, glass recycling program, our Green Dining District program that helps local restaurants reduce waste and our annual pumpkin composting event. Under these bills, there's no guarantee our local programs would continue receiving funding, decisions would be made by state bureaucrats in Jefferson City instead of local officials who understand our community's needs.

Higher Costs, Less Service

The bills would increase landfill fees from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ton (67% increase) and demolition fees from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per ton (150% increase). These costs will be passed directly to residents through higher trash bills and increased construction costs.

Meanwhile, the bills eliminate the funding formula that ensures 61% of solid waste fees stay in local communities, giving all control to the state with no accountability to voters.

I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB 2761 and SB 1586 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable and working. These bills would raise costs for Missouri families while eliminating effective, local programs. I'm happy to provide additional information if helpful.



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Treasured local organizations like City Sewing Room (6700 Arsenal St, St. Louis, MO 63139) rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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I oppose this bill because you are creating more bureaucracy, not improving efficiency. Keep the government small and let the local organizations keep doing the good work to keep this planet clean. If the DNR wants to do more on top of that, great, but not like this.



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Testimony Regarding House Bill 2761

To: House of Representatives Government Efficiency Committee

From: Andrew Murphy, Ozark Foothills Regional Solid Waste Management District (Region Q)

Date: January 28, 2026

Subject: Opposition to HB 2761 and the Dissolution of Solid Waste Management Districts

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2761. I am writing to express grave concern regarding the proposed elimination of Missouri's 20 Solid Waste Management Districts. While efficiency is a noble goal, the dissolution of these districts would result in a devastating loss of local control and the immediate collapse of essential environmental infrastructure in rural Missouri.

The Critical Role of Region Q

The Ozark Foothills Regional Solid Waste Management District (Region Q) serves a vital role for the citizens of Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley, and Wayne Counties. Currently, our district operates under a model where 68% of allocations are reinvested directly into the community through grants. These funds are not merely administrative; they are the lifeblood of local waste diversion.

Immediate Fiscal and Operational Impact

If HB 2761 is enacted, the fiscal impact on our five-county region will be catastrophic. We estimate a revenue loss of at least \$220,000 annually starting in 2027. This loss includes:

\$95,000 in annual grants that benefit our local cities, counties, and community organizations.

\$70,000 in operational support from the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission for recycling efforts.

\$125,000 in lost revenue from the sale of recyclables collected from our residents and businesses.

The Threat to Regional Recycling

Most urgently, the elimination of these districts would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center. This facility is the only recycling center in our entire five-county region.

Without this center:

Residents will have no viable way to divert waste from landfills.

Local municipalities will lose the \$70,000 in yearly support currently used to manage recyclables.

Valuable materials that currently generate \$125,000 in revenue will instead be buried in landfills, shortening the lifespan of Missouri's existing disposal sites.

Conclusion

HB 2761 intends to increase tipping fees while simultaneously removing the very mechanism—the Districts—that ensures those fees are used to reduce landfill reliance. By dissolving these districts, you are removing local control and ensuring that recycling efforts in rural Missouri will suffer or cease entirely.

We urge the Committee to protect the infrastructure that keeps our counties clean and our local economies resilient. Please vote "No" on HB 2761.



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I'm in opposition to this bill.



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Please continue local funding of these programs that help keep materials out of landfills, protect our planet, and positively effect the local economy.



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Hello,

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Organizations like earthday365 and the City Sewing Room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The City Sewing Room has been my go to place to buy sewing material ever since JoAnn's closed. It's a local hub and an important part of the community. I can go there to get fabric, trims, books, as well as take classes and rent studio space and tools while also allowing me to engage with my community. It is a wonderful space that provides a much needed service to St. Louis. To get rid of the funding that allows this business to exist would be a disservice to the community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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The City Sewing Room is an incredible resource for our community. It makes learning to sew and quilt accessible to people who may not have ever had the opportunity to learn. It also saves fabric and other materials from being thrown into a landfill and instead allows people to give it another life. More and more fabric stores are closing in our region, so the City Sewing Room is one of the few places people can buy it in person. There are so many wonderful benefits of the City Sewing Room for a wide range of people.

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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Dear Representative Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. The Sustainability Commission of the City of Webster Groves has been waiting to hear from the St. Louis-Jefferson Counties Solid Waste Management District with the results of our grant application to expand a regional composting event to divert 6 tons of pumpkins from the landfill and educate the community about its significance. The grant is on hold because of HB2761.

Please don't cut us off! Vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill would ultimately lead to millions of tons of additional waste going into landfills, and would increase environmental and public health risks.



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Dear Missouri Representatives,

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Organizations like City Sewing Room (and many more) rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Not only are businesses like the City Sewing Room helping our environment, they are also wonderful community centers that simultaneously make using resources affordable and accessible to all.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and most of all, working.



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Dear Representatives Collins and Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact - and real immeasurable joy! - without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room is a wellspring of community for sewists and textile lovers in the St Louis area. Each week, thousands of pounds of fabric “waste” is diverted and donated to the organization, and use for classes, community projects, and for sale to the public. I frequent this store, and it is one of a kind for finding beautiful fabrics for creative use. There is heart and soul at City Sewing Room, and it is one of many organizations that would suffer under this bill, should it be approved.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am a lifelong Missouri resident, and am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting the local economy, and delivering real environmental benefits. Several organizations in Missouri rely on these funds to minimize how much waste we put in landfills, educate the public, and support local businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees, not tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they can be the most effective.

Missouri should not be moving backwards in waste reduction. Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and serving an effective purpose.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ANNA SUTKOWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Removing funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District would negatively impact our community. We need these funds to keep and add jobs to our local community, offer education in sustainability, and keep materials out of landfills. These funds support many wonderful local organizations who are really making a difference in our community.



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: ANNE AUSTIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.

Anne Austin
Kirkwood, MO 63122



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE KRAMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 8:44 AM
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Dear Wesley,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Beyond its environmental impact, it creates opportunities and supports a sense of community that many citizens benefit.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE MARIE TENHOLDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This would end grants for local organizations.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE SCHWEITZER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Dear Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

[Optional sentence(s) about how City Sewing Room has served you personally]

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE YARBROUGH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The funding from St. Louis Landfill users should remain in the St. Louis area. Our local organizations that are already taking environmental action to help our community would be negatively impacted by this bill. The St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District should continue to control the funding. So many great St. Louis Organizations depend on it. Do not pass HB 2761.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNIE O'BRIEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ANNIE ROSENKRANZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I oppose this bill that would end local funding for important environmental priorities and organizations I care about. I believe in effective, local solutions to reduce landfill use in the region.



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WITNESS NAME: APRIL STRELINGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761. The programs that are funded are so crucial in reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs and helping the environment.

City Sewing Room as such an asset to our community- being able to learn sewing and access fabric that would otherwise end up in a landfill is so important. Not to mention the beneficial nature of earthday365 and New Earth Farms.

Please vote NO and support keeping landfill, diversion funds under local control where they are accountable, transparent, and working



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am Opposed to this Bill at this time. There NEEDS to be a Complete and In-Depth Overhaul Plan for Waste Management, Our Waste Stream, Recycling, Programs and Services. We currently have identified 29-State Landfills that have serious issues, are leaking and contaminating our water system. This Bill is just the beginning. I am also against raising "Tipping-Fees" on Solid-Waste as this is just another Tax, passed onto to our State Residents.



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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY BAKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I do not want Missouri to move backwards on waste management



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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY DUGGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City sewing room is an incredible organization and a huge staple to the St. Louis arts community. If it were to not be able to function- so many people would lose access to materials and classes needed to continue to express themselves and create and therefore give back to the city as a whole. Not to mention they truly do keep so many pounds of fabric and other materials out of landfills by giving them a chance to be repurposed and reused by someone who would truly appreciate it.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent and accountable.



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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY PRICHARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 6:40 PM
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Dear Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY SCHMITZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 8:36 AM
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I would like to voice my opposition to this bill. The Stanberry RII School District and community rely on the Solid Waste District to help rid our community of waste. All of our plastic, aluminum, and tin recycling initiatives and our new composting program that we do at the school have been funded through our Solid Waste District. Not only are we educating our kids on saving our planet, but, through their grants, we have been able to acquire picnic tables, benches, and weights for the weight room made from recycled materials. Solid Waste Management is such an asset to our community!



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WITNESS NAME: AUBREY SCHMIT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Grants currently allocated to local organizations, which would be phased out/eliminated by the passing of this bill, provide essential funding for operations, material management, and recycling/reuse programing and education in the area. Losing financial support for these programs would take away valuable resources for constituents in St. Louis that allow them to reintegrate materials into a use-cycle, keeping them out of waste disposal sites and landfills in the first place.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: AUDREY ENGEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: AUSTIN SHWATAL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Banderman and Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have personally attended events run by these environmental organizations and seen the positive impact they have had on local communities by cleaning up litter, recycling and reducing hazardous waste.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: AUTUMN DENNIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: AUTUMN SHEPHERD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representatives,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room has been an incredibly valuable resource to learn necessary skills, build community, and further a skillset that can be quite expensive and wasteful. Through City Sewing Room, fabric and tools can be diverted into the hands of people who will use them.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: AVERY J CALHOUN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: B. GRAY WILDE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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B Works has been such an incredible resource for my young kids. They taught my youngest how to ride a bike. They taught both my kids about road safety when riding their bikes. They taught them both how to change a flat tire. These are skills that could save their lives on the road. And B Works taught them internet safety and how to do basic coding in their computer course. Please keep B Works' funding. Everyone needs the resources B Works provides.



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA IRENE SPENCER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Keep Missouri free of larger trash landfills. Without recycling our state must increase landfills for the recyclable materials now being reused by the public.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: BARRY LEIBMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Thank you for allowing concerned citizens to respond to this proposed legislation. I am opposed. As a believer in sound environmental policy, and recycling, I find this bill antagonist to both. Please vote against HB2761. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: BECCA GUERRA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The organizations under this bill don't just help our community reduce waste, but they bring our community together as well. The necessary funding to support these organizations is necessary funding to help provide home furnishings to those that need it, provide education and access to nature, and provide affordable materials for home repair and hobbyists, provide jobs, and most importantly help keep our city clean. They are necessary, every single one of them. They can not lose funding.



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WITNESS NAME: BELLAMY POPE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I write in opposition to HB 2761 because it would strip resources from one of the most unique and precious spaces in St Louis—City Sewing Room, which keeps thousands of pounds of fabric out of landfills and offers an affordable way for people to learn new skills and recycle material that would otherwise go to waste!



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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, a local agency, and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes—they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

Perennial is a grant recipient of the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Because of this essential funding, each year Perennial can:

Keep and add members to the Perennial team (this funding supports local jobs)

Offer 300 hands-on sustainable classes (this funding keeps their classes affordable and accessible)

Keep over 20,000 pounds of materials out of the landfill (this funding diverts literally millions of pounds from the landfill)

And even more importantly give more than 7,000 residents per year the tools, skills, and opportunities to divert and reduce their own waste.



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My name is Benjamin Gaa. I am a resident of St. Louis City and care about community region-wide sustainability issues.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on HB 2761 during the hearing this Thursday.

This bill would bypass local zoning authority and undermine the successful Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) system that currently diverts millions of pounds of waste from our landfills. As someone who interacts with these programs, I can attest that the current system is efficient and creates jobs without needing state-level reclassification.

I'm concerned that if it passes people will lose part of their voice.

Respectfully,

**Benjamin Gaa
City of St. Louis Resident**



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Many non-profit organizations in St. Louis rely on these waste diversion funds for their programming, and they do vital work! Perennial, City Sewing Room, and Home.Sweet Home to name a few. My household is also a regular patron of the first 2. Cutting funding to these organizations would cause great harm to the broader St. Louis region!



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We need smarter ways of handling our waste as a society. My partner has a business that specifically uses sustainably sourced materials for re-use. We frequently visit City Sewing Room, Perennial, we recycle our glass with Ripple, this would be absolutely devastating to our world if their funding is reduced.



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Dear Representative Wagner,

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City Sewing Room is a great community resource and St. Louis needs more like this, not less.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

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Optional sentence(s) about how these programs have served you personally

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Granby Mo, We need Region M grant money to keep our recycle open. In turn we keep tons of waste out of landfills.



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WITNESS NAME: BONNIE PRIGGE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-265-2993	
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To the Members of the House Government Efficiency Committee:

HB 2761 would eliminate solid waste management districts in Missouri. We believe that solid waste management planning is best accomplished at the local level, with local stakeholders and leaders identifying needs, setting priorities and working to address those priorities.

Since this is the Government Efficiency Committee, I will address the question of efficiency, and specifically administrative costs. The state law allows solid waste districts to use up to 50% of their allocation for administration AND implementation, and that is how it is stated in DNR's award letter. There is not a percentage for strictly administration. As you know, percentages can be deceiving, depend on the amount of funds its based on. For a minimally funded district, 50% means that you can spend \$45,000 on administration and implementation. According to DNR's website, there are seven minimally funded districts...so 35% of the solid waste districts receive \$95,000 per year.

Meramec Regional Planning Commission provides staffing for the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District that serves Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties. For FY 2023, the Ozark Rivers District received a total of \$281,854, of which \$140,927 was available for administration and implementation. We do break-out administration and implementation in our contracts with Ozark Rivers, and \$103,727 was allocated to administration and \$37,200 to plan implementation. Is that too much? That's what it takes to get the job done—both efficiently and effectively. Through our contract, Ozark Rivers only pays for the time spent on its behalf. That's efficient. The district is housed out of MRPC's office..no separate office to maintain; no separate utility bill to pay. That is efficient.

Not all solid waste management districts partner with regional planning commission/councils of governments partner, but each district has determined what is most efficient and effective for the residents they serve. It is about effectively meeting local needs.

With 20 solid waste management districts in the state, district boards can be close to the people they serve. We have 163 state representatives in Missouri to insure that close connection to constituents and local needs.

Some are still talking about a question of allowable costs that goes back 20 years to 2006. Allowable

costs are somewhat subjective as well, however, Missouri Department of Natural Resources has oversight responsibilities over this grant program, and they can withhold funds.

While having one state entity take responsibility for the entire state may sound efficient, it is not effective. Local decision making is lost. Local needs go unmet. While solid waste districts will make small grants to meet local needs, it is unlikely that DNR will--as each grant becomes one more project to manager with each grant requiring a similar amount of time and oversight. And there is no guarantee that any additional grants to the local level will actually be made.

Typically, state grants are one-time money. Solid waste districts have been able to sustain programs to address local needs. Ozark Rivers partners with the cities of St. Robert (transfer station) and Rolla (recycling center) to serve as drop-off points for Household Hazardous Waste, to keep those items out of landfills and from being poured on the ground or down the drain. Ozark Rivers formed partnerships, using existing resources. Ozark Rivers pays the disposal cost of the HHW collected. This is not a one-time grant and done. It needs funding each year to sustain and educational and awareness efforts to make sure people know about it.

This legislation to create solid waste districts was designed to encourage more local involvement, more local solutions and more local responsibility as the state of Missouri banned certain items from the landfill but did not provide options for dealing with them, other than dumping them somewhere else besides a landfill. Solid waste districts accepted that charge. The goal was to reduce by 40% the amount of waste landfilled, so we could preserve the space of existing landfills and hopefully slow the need for future landfill space. Missouri has a karst topography, making landfills harder to site and more costly to build to ensure protection of the environment.

Cities, counties and environmental interest groups came together and formed solid waste management districts. Solid waste districts stepped up, offering guidance, education and programs at the local level to provide alternatives and solutions in dealing with banned items. That did not happen with a state-down approach, but instead a bottom-up, people-centered approach.

Education is key to changing habits and encouraging new ones. While DNR offers technical assistance (or refers folks to their respective solid waste districts), they are viewed by the general public as a regulator. Solid waste districts are viewed as educators, problem-solvers and partners.

HB 276 is not really about efficiency. It is about totally reshaping our solid waste management and planning process, moving it from the local level to the state level and diverting funds to abandoned landfill clean-ups. And we at the local level were not asked if that is what is best for us.

Abandoned landfills need addressed but not at the cost of solid waste management and planning at the local level. Doing so will create additional environmental issues for the next generation to deal with.

Efficiency and effectiveness go hand-in-hand. Solid waste districts are able to achieve both at the local level.

We appreciate your careful consideration of this very important issue.
Thank you for your time.

Bonnie Prigge
Executive Director, Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Chair, Missouri Association of Councils of Governments.



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Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2761

Executive Summary

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 2761. This legislation threatens to dismantle a proven, efficient system of local fund management that currently drives job creation and massive waste diversion across Missouri. By centralizing these funds, the state would likely increase bureaucracy while stifling the local innovation that keeps millions of pounds of waste out of our landfills.

Local Control Equals Government Efficiency

As a member of the Government Efficiency Committee, you value systems that work without unnecessary "red tape." The current district-led grant model is the epitome of efficiency:

- **Zero Added State Bureaucracy:** Local districts manage funds directly, avoiding the need for a massive new state-run department.
- **Market-Driven Results:** Funds are awarded to local businesses and nonprofits that provide measurable ROI in waste diversion and job creation.
- **Economic Growth:** These grants support small businesses and nonprofit workers who are part of the "circular economy" right here in Missouri.

Case Study: The Impact of earthday365

As Vice President of the Board for earthday365—a grant recipient of the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District—I have seen the direct results of this funding:

- **Job Creation:** We provide employment for 20 Missourians in event waste management.
- **Small Business Support:** We help local restaurants streamline waste systems, directly saving them money and improving their bottom line.
- **Unmatched Scale:** In 2025 alone, our diversion programs kept 13,730,574.5 lbs of material out of landfills.

Note: This volume of waste diversion is larger than the entire City of St. Louis.

Conclusion: Protect Missouri's Infrastructure

If HB 2761 passes, the funding that sustains earthday365 and hundreds of similar programs across the state will be at risk. Removing local control will undermine our waste infrastructure, increase environmental risks, and stall the economic engine of local waste innovation.

I urge the Committee to vote NO on HB 2761.

**Sincerely,
Brandon Verhoff, Ph.D. Vice President, Board of Directors, earthday365**



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Below is a list of reasons that I strongly oppose this bill:

Elimination of Solid Waste Management Districts: This bill would dismantle Missouri's locally managed solid waste districts.

Threat to Local Recycling and Composting: Programs that keep millions of pounds of waste out of landfills annually, such as earthday365 and City Sewing Room, rely on these funds. I personally use Perennial and City Sewing Room.

Loss of Hazardous Waste Programs: This bill would eliminate Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste programs, which help dispose of dangerous materials safely.

Removal of Local Control: This bill removes decision-making from local leaders (county commissioners, city administrators, etc.) and centralizes it. St. Louis should have a say in these decisions.

Impact on Jobs and Local Economy: The current funding supports local jobs in the recycling and waste reduction industry.

Misuse of Tipping Fees: The funds in question are generated by "tipping fees" (landfill user fees), not general tax dollars. These funds should be reinvested locally to manage waste, rather than being diverted to other state priorities.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.



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As a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs, I strongly oppose HB2761 .

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Dear Rep. Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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earthday365 is an amazing organization that educates people about the benefits to **EVERYONE** of reducing waste. My small business, Kakao Chocolate, in Maplewood, MO works with earthday365 for our Green Dining Alliance certification, which helps us find new and better ways to reduce waste in our shop and for our own customers.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SCRAPSKC		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
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This message is on behalf of ScrapsKC, a nonprofit organization based in Kansas City, Missouri. We are writing to strongly oppose the passage of HB 2761 that would eliminate solid waste districts. Missouri benefits greatly from the community partnerships, economic stimulation, and efforts to combat local issues in a responsible manner.

Since its founding in 2016, ScrapsKC has served as a key member of Greater Kansas City's circular economy network. Our mission is achieved by taking in donations of school and office supplies, art and craft materials, and textiles from community members, corporations, and partner organizations. We recirculate those materials back to the community via our Creative Reuse Center as well as our Teacher Resource Center, which provides classroom materials to educators at no cost. Since 2016, ScrapsKC has diverted 1.3 million pounds of useful materials from the landfill and given them a second life. This not only has an enormously positive impact on our environment, but it creates opportunity for our community's teachers to do more with supplies they couldn't otherwise afford. One Kansas City elementary school teacher said recently, "I am in my third year of teaching. I would have quit in my first year if I didn't have ScrapsKC to help me."

We have Mid-America Regional Council's Solid Waste Management District to thank for much of our achievements. In the past decade, they have granted us a total of \$302,207 which allowed us to broadly expand our efforts. We are now able to keep the Teacher Resource Center open year-round, allowing teachers to shop once per month, providing teachers with supplies valued at around \$300 each time they shop. In 2025, we distributed school supplies valued at \$616,485.14 to teachers – this is a magnificent feat for our community and the environment.

Without funds from MARC's Solid Waste Management District, we would not have been able to make such an impact. For that reason, we strongly oppose HB 2761 and its intent to eliminate solid waste districts. Not only does our environment benefit from solid waste districts, but the community partnerships they inspire are invaluable to Missouri's wellbeing. Please vote NO on HB 2761.



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Dear Missouri Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Brightside, Ripple Glass, Remains and others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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These funds need to stay as grants to local organizations that are actively diverting waste from landfills.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIDGET FISHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please understand that I strongly oppose HB2761, which would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that deliver meaningful benefits to our community.

City Sewing Room is a unique and critical local resource that touches so many lives, and they rely on these funds. The sewing room diverts thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. That's almost seventy tons of waste annually that goes towards helping the community instead of filling the landfill. The funds for these waste diversion programs come from landfill user fees, not from tax dollars, and they should continue to be reinvested locally.

These programs aren't just green initiatives. It's about more than simply keeping seventy tons of waste out of the landfill each year. The community depends upon resources like the city sewing room. We don't have fabric stores anymore. Walmart doesn't have the fabric section in the back where you can get materials and ask for advice. Yes, I want to keep that seventy tons of waste out of the landfill each year, but I also want myself and my neighbors to be able to access the fabrics and materials that would otherwise rot in a landfill. Please don't take away our only local resource for fabrics and materials. Do you remember how our grandmothers used to keep every single scrap because they knew it would come in handy someday? Well, that day is today, and we desperately need those scraps to stay out of the landfill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working for our community. Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and please remember how much these programs mean to us.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: BRITTANY COPELAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I want more recycling opportunities, not less. Waste management supports local communities, my local one, regularly volunteers at the local library.



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WITNESS NAME: BRITTNEY MCINTYRE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial STL, City Sewing Room, and many more rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly.

These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working. This funding is funding is ESSENTIAL for the wellbeing of our city now and into the future. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Please vote NO! Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: BROOKLYN PFANSTIEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like City Sewing Room in St. Louis rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The City Sewing Room is an incredible community space which teaches valuable life skills to St. Louis-area residents and I strongly oppose any legislation which would disrupt their operations.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am reaching out to offer my support for these solid waste management districts that we have operating and utilizing these waste management and recycling program services across Missouri. I feel that oversight and management of these types of services should stay with these individual management districts and not solely under the operation and umbrella of the Department of Natural Resources. A lot of these communities and businesses in this sector rely on funding received and managed by these solid waste management districts for successful operations and output of positive outcomes relating to the management and minimalization of waste build up. I feel that this individual management and oversight varies in scope and size throughout the state, but again feel that with leaving the management and utilization of these funds to the management districts will continue to yield a more positive and successful outcome than if it is managed solely at the state level, as I feel the benefit of these funds will diminish due to restricted funding and lessened ability to address these matters as they are currently being tended to. Also as a resident of Joplin, Missouri I know that this will have a negative affect on our future trash/waste costs as tipping fees and such can be affected by this proposal. Again, I am in strong support of these statewide waste management districts and the programs and services that they are funding in their individual regions and communities, its an important step in maintaining and assuring that we are doing the best with our waste management and recycling practices in our areas. Thank you.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room also serves as an attraction for tourism, because of limited businesses serving the craft and hobby community. I urge you to maintain this business for local economy, as well as its environmental impacts. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CADY BAILEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

In addition to their work diverting waste from landfills, City Sewing Room impacts me directly as a member of the local theater community. We rely heavily on the fabric and other supplies available from City Sewing Room to make costumes for performers. If City Sewing Room loses their funding, it would be a terrible loss to our community and the St. Louis art community at large.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

[Optional sentence(s) about how City Sewing Room has served you personally]

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CAITLIN RICE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill, as proposed, would eliminate funding for crucial locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record in reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, delivering real environmental benefits and that help create our wonderful community.

Organizations like eaerthday365, perennialSTL, Missouri Botanical Garden and more rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfill each year, educate the public and support Missouri Businesses in adopting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Proper waste management and keeping waste out of landfills is critical for all of our communities and society as a whole. Any method to support local programs that carry out that task should not be undervalued by our government. Local organizations are tailored to the needs of the community, otherwise, they would not be successful. Taking away the requirement for a percentage of funding for grants reduces the real benefit of this program. The community and support that Missouri has provided for these programs is why many people are proud to live here, myself included. To take that away is to stagnant our growth.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you very much for your time,
Sincerely, Caitlin Rice - A Proud Missouri Resident



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I believe in creating sustainable spaces and urge the representatives to vote against limiting access to people doing positive things for their communities. I use new earth composting every week for local composting keeping my food waste out of landfills. Now, I am also about to recycle cans and glass 2x monthly since the elimination of single stream pick up in the city of st. Louis. These funds are vital to small organisations doing many things. Please vote no.



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We need as many green and sustainable business as possible in our city and communities and I support the means necessary to do so.



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WITNESS NAME: CARA SNYDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have personally taken many trash bags of items to City Sewing Room that I previously would have thrown away. Now that I know about them they are the first place I go to send something or to look to buy something, leading to less waste and reducing overconsumption. Buying used items through them also reducing wasteful packaging that would come on new items. The work that is done at City Sewing Room is the definition of community at its core- a place where we take care of our environment and each other.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Sincerely,
Cara Snyder from Ellisville, MO



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Dear Representative Murray,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Earthbound Recycling, Sewing Room and Perennial rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. They also are vital providers of education (arts, crafts, cultural/traditional skills and trades like carpentry). These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

These organizations also divert waste by selling materials cheaper so they are more affordable. Without Earthbound recycling to buy paint and other supplies, I probably would not have been able to fix up my house in the City. Both Perennial and City Sewing Room have brought enormous happiness and benefit to my life because they actually making alot of art and fabric supplies accessible and affordable. They have provided avenues to built new skills, and have a way of buying fabric and other materials to help me eventually start a design business. These are essentially economic incubators that you are trying to shut down.

The Missouri government can't say they are trying to help us bring down prices and then shut down the few places we can use to make life somewhat affordable. It's ridiculous!

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

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HB2761 is moving now, and lawmakers need to hear from constituents who care about effective, local solutions.

Take action today!

P.S. A huge thank you to our friends at @realstlouisearthday for bringing this to our attention and for the post inspiration. We are stronger together!



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Abandoning our Solid Waste Management program as it stand right now would not be the right choice for Missouri. The SWM program encourages recycling, helps stop illegal dumping, promotes the environmentally friendly disposal of electronics and appliances, helps to educate the public on ways to keep our beautiful state clean, healthy, and garbage free. If anything, the program needs *more* support. I curb-side recycle weekly as well as take items to my local transfer station - I would have *no* local options without these programs.

I encourage you to not defund our Solid Waste Management program, but keep it going and support it in the future, for the health, well being, and maintenance of our state!



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I've attended many City Sewing Room events and they are a fixture within the local community. I do not want their operations to be restricted by this bill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Representatives,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Our family loves the City Sewing Room and we go there to buy and repurpose items that were otherwise destined for the landfill. We are also donating to their work by donating our unused supplies, again that would have ended up as trash.

We need more sustainable and community organizations like this!! Please do not pass this harmful legislation!!

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you for your time.

Saint Louis Resident,
Carol Russell



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By removing local control, this bill would negatively affect dozens of nonprofits that rely on funding that St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District oversees. These funds come from fees paid by landfill users which are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place. This is just one reason I oppose this bill. Removing the local control puts this and other issues in jeopardy. Please do not pass this bill. Thank you.



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Dear Holly Jones,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill would set back the important work that non-profits are doing to keep our environment clean. We need more education about recycling and solid waste management in our communities, not less. I oppose HB2761.



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I write in opposition to the passage of HB 2761 stripping funding from St.Louis-Jefferson Solid Wste Management District. For example it provides funding for Home Sweet H0me in St. Louis which was an essential resource for me when I had to downsize from 59 years of marriage & home ownership to a 2 bedroom apartment. Without the resource of Home Sweet H0me so much more of my possesstions would have gone into landfill vs being passed on to persons who turn to Home Sweet Home for critical help in getting on with their lives. HSW provides essentail environmental stewardship as well as the obvious humanitarian function described above.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.



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WITNESS NAME: CARRIE BARRETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Good afternoon,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room has helped me to reduce the waste my hobbies create and to repurpose what other crafters would have sent to landfill. And the classes and community are wonderful.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CARRIE SCHERR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The Earth Day festival is a huge boon for the St. Louis community over the course of just one weekend. Throughout the rest of the year, EarthDay365 and other organizations funded by these grants help educate and enact change to protect the place we call home.
The funds already come from local users and should remain locally controlled!

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CASEY CLAPS		PHONE NUMBER: 816-394-7043	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: KANBE's MARKETS		TITLE: CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER	
ADDRESS: 3119 TERRACE STREET			
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64111
EMAIL: casey@kanbesmarkets.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 4:32 AM
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Marc Solid Waste Management District Impact on Kanbe's Markets

Since 2024, Marc SWMD has invested \$302,597 in Kanbe's Markets, catalyzing transformative growth in our food rescue and waste diversion efforts:

2024-2025 Pilot Positions

Food Redirection Associate – This position enabled Kanbe's to build strategic relationships with food wholesalers to rescue "distressed inventory" that would otherwise become landfill waste and redirect it to feed people.

Food Procurement Driver – This dedicated driver position established consistent procurement routes to wholesale partners, dramatically expanding our rescue capacity.

Measurable Impact

Food rescue tripled: from 527,420 lbs (2023) to 1,707,588 lbs (2025)

\$4 million in fresh produce value redirected to regional emergency food pantries at no cost

3.2 million pounds of organic waste diverted from landfills

2 million pounds of rescued food distributed to feed people

100,000 people fed monthly through our network of 50 nonprofit partners

2026 Warehouse Volunteer Sorting Space Expansion

This grant will fund the buildout of unutilized warehouse space, doubling our daily volunteer capacity and enabling exponential growth:

2027 projected impact: 3 million pounds rescued (76% increase)

2028 projected impact: 5 million pounds rescued (193% increase from 2025)

Regional food security: Double the volume of free, fresh produce flowing into area food pantries

Marc SWMD's investment has been instrumental in transforming Kanbe's from a local food rescue operation into a regional waste diversion and food access leader.



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WITNESS NAME: CASEY LORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room specifically has been an important resource for me and my kid, where we go to learn and get materials to make clothing we wear and give to family/friends.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CASEY RINGENBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I'm writing to express my strong opposition to HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering meaningful environmental benefits in Missouri communities.

Organizations like earthday365 depend on these funds to divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, provide public education, and help Missouri businesses implement effective recycling and composting systems. Importantly, this funding comes from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and is designed to be reinvested locally, where it has the greatest impact.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and clearly working.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Casey



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WITNESS NAME: CASSANDRA HAGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Numerous highly effective and locally-plugged in organizations rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I personally have benefitted from and deeply appreciate the many ways these funds support waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting efforts. I both personally and professionally have used the services of these non-profit organizations and local businesses, and I've seen the impact their educational and operational services provide for the broader community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Please keep local control of of funding for 2761

There have been many funding cuts this year and I oppose these. Missourians voted and paid for services we are not getting. Keep local control for these organizations that will keep Missouri beautiful and usable for us all.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE MINNIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This would take away important community resources.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE SCHWARZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB 2761 as a Missouri resident who has personally benefited from programs funded by the Solid Waste Management Districts (SWMDs).

The current system—where regional SWMDs distribute landfill tipping fee funds through a grant cycle—is proven and effective. It supports small businesses and local nonprofits that create jobs, understand the needs of their communities, and use these resources efficiently.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm and earthday365 depend on these funds to continue vital work, including diverting hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste from landfills each year.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHLEEN ABRAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally.

As a volunteer at the City Sewing Room I have witnessed first hand how large amounts of fabric has been redistributed avoiding ending up in a land fill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CAYCE MORICE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm, Perennial, and City Sewing Room rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLENE HANSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Handling illegal dumping is important. This issue should have its own funding source.

The solid waste management districts are more effective than DNR and they work closely with local municipalities. They are a crucial part of how our communities divert waste from landfills. I am a Jackson County resident and I regularly utilize and share resources from MARC (my local SWMD).



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLES A HALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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[Apologies, this will be long].

I grew up on my grandparent's small cattle farm in the Eureka. My grandparents, growing up in the depression, never threw away anything and hardly seemed to buy anything new. My grandma preserved food all summer long, wore the same shoes for what seemed like my whole life. My grandpa could fix (or try to!) just about everything on the farm - we used equipment from the 40s or even older. They taught me to reuse and repurpose, to fix instead of throw away, to make it or grow it yourself. Nowadays most people don't have the opportunity or necessity to learn these things - schools don't teach it, new products are cheap and plentiful, produce is affordable and available year round, clothes are disposable. This makes it easier to waste, to throw stuff away and buy new. The amount of plastic in our landfills is mind-boggling. The landfill across the river makes Cahokia Mounds look like an anthill. The Fenton/Valley Park landfill will soon grow taller than the bluffs.

The most perfect landfill management, regulation, remediation, code enforcement, permitting processes etc. will do nothing to address the cause of the problem. The strange thing about HB2761 is that it will make our waste problem worse! Defunding regional SWMDs, cutting their staff, taking away grant funding (whatever this bill is trying to do, it's quite vague!) will only lead to more illegal dumping, more unpermitted dumps, more polluted rivers and streams. Every organization that SWMD helps fund with its grants address the ROOT of the problem in various ways - helping restaurants reduce wasted food. Helping them compost inedible scraps. Teaching the community skills we've lost like how to repair clothing and fix appliances. Collecting "obsolete" electronics and refurbishing them, donating them elsewhere or selling them. Funding these efforts **REDUCES WASTE GOING INTO THE LANDFILL**. The numbers are out available, reported by each grantee.

Each SWMD and its local partners are the boots-on-the-ground of waste management and reduction in Missouri. What they do may seem trivial or quaint, but the millions of tons of trash they've kept from our landfills is real. No statewide office will ever have the knowledge, relationships and effectiveness of these local efforts.

That's the other strange thing about this bill - it's a state takeover of local funds! It will require a vast bureaucracy in the hands of unelected, out-of-town officials. It cuts local jobs in favor of a bigger state government. Without groups like Perennial STL, Earthday365, the Green Dining Alliance and so many more doing the actual hands-on work, on shoestring budgets already, the problems ostensibly addressed by HB2761 will become completely unmanageable.

The issue this bill attempts to address in a very ham-handed way are important and serious. There's a reason things have gotten bad, and SWMDs are already working on them and have been for years. Let them continue. Top-down governing doesn't work. Cutting off the bottom legs of the ladder will make things worse.

Fix the landfill issues with better government, not bigger, more centralized government. One party has

controlled Missouri for a very long time. It hasn't addressed this problem and never planned to. With a budget shortfall looming, a massive highway expansion underway AND repeal of state income tax in the works, raiding local landfill fees won't be enough.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to divert 13,000,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Do not end the recycling programs in Missouri. At a minimum continue to support the program as is but I strongly support expanding the program. This program is vital to reduce the amount of solid waste going into our landfills.



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The St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District funds grants to many St. Louis non-profits whose work keeps materials out of landfills in the first place. Many of these organizations are ones that I visit regularly, and are of a great benefit to South St.Louis, including Perennial, City Sewing Room, and BWorks. In addition to reusing and up cycling materials, these organizations provide community space, create local jobs, and create programming across age groups. Funding should remain in the district, and not be removed to the Department of Natural Resources!



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WITNESS NAME: CHELSEA COLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly.

These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CHEY LOVELLETTE (PRONOUNCED LIKE "SHY")		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Good morning chairwoman Hausman and members of the committee, including my former English Professor, Mr. Riggs. My name is Chey Lovellette and I am a lifelong Missouri resident and environmentalist now residing in district 78 in St. Louis where I serve as the Director of Operations for earthday365.

I am here today to testify in opposition to House Bill 2761 and to implore you to vote NO on this proposal not only due to its negative impacts on hundreds of statewide environmental programs but also its direct and catastrophic impact to my career and that of my hard working team, many of whom stand before you today.

I am the child of a Missouri State Park Superintendent. I grew up living in DNR housing in parks like Roaring River, Sam A Baker, and Johnson Shut ins. I have a great appreciation for the work the Department of Natural Resources does in our state.

However, I do not agree with the position of this bill which would defund local projects which are currently funded through our existing Solid Waste Management Districts and take that money out of our communities instead of keeping it in local control where it can be used to fund smart and effective environmental work.

Missouri is facing many environmental challenges which threaten the land and waterways that all of us enjoy and make a living on. My team, at earthday365, works to meet those challenges head on in our communities through our programs which provide services like compost and recycling for public events and drive through drop off events where community members can recycle hard-to-recycle and hazardous items to keep them out of our Missouri landfills.

We are a team of 20 hard working Missourians who would see our jobs threatened and potentially ended, were this bill to pass. And my team is just one example out of hundreds more organizations across our state who would see the funding for their jobs and programs dissolve under this bill. In 2025, earthday365 alone diverted over 13 million lbs of waste from the landfill through our boots on the ground efforts funded by our Solid Waste Management District. Our programming responds to local needs because these are our communities and we are the experts who are willing to do the work.

You already have a statewide network of Missourians who are dedicated to this work and who rely on this funding to divert waste from the landfills. Just look at all the folks willing to gather on this cold and snowy morning! If this bill passes, it will result in gutting the existing solid waste infrastructure in

communities across the state. Municipalities and commercial recyclers and non-profits like ours, will be unable to fund environmental programming which currently keeps millions of documented pounds out of our landfills. And many people within the solid waste management field, including myself, will lose their jobs.

I implore you to vote no on HB 2761. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: CHEYENNE MORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I have been utilized New Earth Farm's services for three years and have witnessed first hand how it benefits our local community and green spaces.

Vote NO on HB2761!



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRIS BUSSEN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-809-5478	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD		TITLE: CHAIR	
ADDRESS: 1971 SE HAMBLER RD.			
CITY: LEE'S SUMMIT		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64082
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	

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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS FEENEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe the elimination of the solid waste management districts included as part of this proposed legislation is bad policy for the state, and in particular, its rural regions. Under the current system, solid waste management districts allow for local input on how a portion of the tipping fees generated by landfills within those district's, is utilized within those districts.

I believe the elimination of solid waste management districts will adversely impact rural areas such as my home in Scotland County, Missouri. Under the current system, a portion of the tipping fees generated by the landfill in our region are required to be made available to the solid waste district serving our region, and then made available to local agencies seeking grant opportunities to fund recycling projects. Without these funds, my hometown of Memphis, Missouri would not have a recycling program.

Eliminating solid waste management districts will dramatically reduce local control, local input regarding how these fees that are generated locally, are allocated. The legislation would instead appear to place all of the fees under the control of a state agency with no defined guidelines ensuring that funds will be spent in the areas where the fees are generated.

The proposal would appear to be extremely counterproductive as it relates to the user fee. I fear that rural areas that lose their solid waste management district, will lose their opportunities to promote recycling opportunities, which will ensure that they continue to rely more heavily on the landfills, paying more landfill tipping fees than their counterparts in urban areas that will receive funding to further expand recycling opportunities based on political advantages typically afforded larger communities by state agencies combined with staffing capacity of larger entities that ensure an advantage over rural counterparts when it comes to seeking state aid.

Ultimately I feel it is a bad look to create policy that appears to eliminate, or at best dramatically hamper, local programs that target reducing the amount of solid waste going into landfills. Instead, the legislation will give the money to a state agency that will see its revenue stream increase thanks to the elimination of the local recycling programs that would help reduce the volume of solid waste that is generating the tipping fees.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTIE WILSON PROSPERI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Representative Doll,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have personally seen the benefits these funds in the programs offered by City Sewing Room as well as the environmental impact of diverting land fill waste.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you
Christie Prosperi



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE MAIDA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations that I regularly use to divert waste from landfills rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste out of landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adopting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I look forward to every interaction I have with earthday365, Ripple Glass, City Sewing, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. These are cherished organizations and employ people I value in my community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE WILMES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I first went to City Sewing Room to take a sewing machine basics class, which empowered me with the basic skills to begin teaching myself to sew at home. In addition to offering training and courses, they provide a space for people to use sewing machines and supplies free of charge, and pick up supplies at low or no cost. They are an incredibly efficient and effective and important resource for my community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761. As a resident of University City and previously St Louis City, I have benefitted greatly from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY ALLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

Vote NO!



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY CUNNINGHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Hello and wanted to state that I am firmly opposed to this bill and think the system is working as it is. Personally I have worked for, with and supported non-profits that have been awarded grants from the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) and they are doing excellent work. And to take it even further, I wrote a grant as a sustainability manager at work and was awarded funding by SWMD to purchase a used baler for waste reduction at my venue. They have an excellent program regarding target items looking to divert from the landfill, standards for grant progress reporting among many other things. I'd be greatly disappointed if this program was eliminated and think the entire STL community would suffer. Sincerely,
Christy



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These funds are vital to local non profits and having the funds absorbed into a larger agency will negatively affect these groups. The money coming from dumping waste in our state should continue to be utilized to reduce what goes in the landfill.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY BRILEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please do not end community recycling programs.

If this legislation passes, it would greatly harm local recycling and education programs and do away with District Grants that help communities reduce solid waste. It would take decision-making power away from local areas, negatively affect recycling jobs, and send tax dollars out of our region.

Losing the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District would be extremely damaging and would result in the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center—the only recycling center available to the five surrounding counties.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY HULTZ		PHONE NUMBER: 660-651-9738	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MARK TWAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOV't		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 42494 DELAWARE LANE			
CITY: PERRY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63462
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This bill would eliminate Missouri's 20 Solid Waste Management Districts and the locally governed grant system that returns funding to the communities generating it. In Fiscal Year 2025, 68 percent of district funding was reinvested locally through grants, including more than \$5.7 million for recycling, illegal dump cleanup, hazardous waste collections, schools, local governments, and sheltered workshops. Over the past five years alone, \$2.15 million has supported sheltered workshops across Missouri.

SWMD Planners One Pager

HB 2761 raises disposal fees on every household and business, centralizes locally generated funds at the state level with no guarantee they will return to the regions that paid them, and permanently dismantles a system that has proven effective, accountable, and community-driven.

While the goal of supporting abandoned landfill remediation is important, it should not come at the expense of local control, essential community services, and cost increases for Missouri families.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to vote no on HB 2761.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY J GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Rep. Michael Burton,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees - not general tax dollars- and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I was introduced to community-supported agriculture and sustainable businesses at the Earth Day Festival in Forest Park. Earthday365 has helped educate members of my congregation about how to reduce their food waste and improve recycling. We have also done community clean-ups with earthday365.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent and working well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cindy Gross



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I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear representative,

I am writing to voice my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to proposed bill HB 2761, this would cut funding that is diverting thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill each year- making our community stronger, safer, more sustainble and climate resilient.

Landfill waste is a huge problem especially in St.Louis, and resources like City Sewing Room are doing important work to rescue materials that would have otherwise gone to the landfill and provide accessible supplies for residents of St. Louis.

I myself have donated fabric I couldn't use to City Sewing Room and participated in a community quilt making event that made me proud of my community and to participate in an act of creating art with my neighbors.

These funds have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting jobs, and providing real environmental benefit.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and **WORKING**.

Thank you!



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City Sewing Room in particular has had a major impact on me, as I've taken classes, made strong community connections, and invested my money into their work and supplies. Rather than spending money at larger corporations that don't directly benefit Missouri, I know my money is going towards an organization that makes us better. I want this organization and others like it to keep being able to improve our state.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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We need funding for local solutions on waste management. If passed, this would put us backwards and strip funding from St. Louis businesses that are doing good work and that I frequent myself. Please do not pass this bill!



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NO to HB2761! I do not believe in removing transparency and oversight at the local level. Quite frankly I didn't believe any Missouri republicans did.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Many organizations rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

One of these orgs, earthday365, diverted 13,730,574.5 pounds of material from landfills in one year alone. There is efficacy, and there needs to be continued funding.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Do not divest in folks supporting alternative waste management. Invest in small businesses like Perennial STL, who utilizes this government grant to offer countless classes, enriching resources and creative skill building. I personally built a worm compost bin through Perennial. I was able to save pounds of food waste from the polluting landfill, instead creating nutrient dense soil for the garden. Support small businesses with alternative waste solutions. And hopefully improve Missouri's waste management modalities so we don't have to do it ourselves. Our state can absolutely learn from programs like Perennial's and invest more energy into proper waste management. Instead of trash littering the interstate. We can do better, together. Let our people build a better future.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Saint Louis resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The current system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle supports small businesses like New Earth Farm and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient. These small businesses rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761



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I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill would not only dirty up our landfills and environments by increasing the amount of waste going into them, but get rid of local jobs built around the goal of improving the environment through recycling, taking money away from local economies for little overall benefit. We need to be stewards of the environment so we don't leave our kids to carry the receipt of our misdeeds, and it's disappointing to see the likely dismantling of effective programs that serve the community under the guise of "reducing bureaucracy". I've experienced personal benefits from this at the micro-level through the City Sewing Room in St. Louis, who taught me how to sew while diverting over 1 ton of waste PER WEEK away from landfills where it would sit for generations into the hands of local craftspeople to learn and make garments together.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF VAN BUREN		TITLE: CITY CLERK	
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CITY: VAN BUREN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63965
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The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have very dire consequences for our region. It would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling center in the 5-county region.



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I'm writing to strongly oppose HB2761. Landfill diversion funds should stay under local control. The funds are collected from landfill user fees, not general taxes, and the State does not need to interfere with how the fees are invested locally. The fees are used to support critical programs that keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills. Many local businesses benefit from these programs, like the Green Dining Alliance, which drives business to local restaurants that invest in environmentally friendly practices. As a resident in the impacted area, please vote NO on this bill to leave locally-generated funds under local control.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing on behalf of Trailnet.org to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Trailnet is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in St. Louis. Trailnet's mission is to lead in fostering healthy, active, and vibrant communities where walking, bicycling, and the use of public transit are a way of life. We support policies that reduce transportation's negative contribution to personal health outcomes, local environmental impacts, and global climate change. We partner closely with organizations like earthday365 to educate residents about ways to reduce the environmental impact of their transportation choices and to advocate for safer, more convenient transportation options for everyone.

Organizations like earthday365, Brightside STL, and Perennial rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adopting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees — not general tax dollars — and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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Don't dismantle the critical services of the Solid Waste Management Districts. This bill should be amended to keep the provisions to increase funding for cleaning abandoned solid waste disposal areas AND maintain the Solid Waste Management Districts.



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Organizations like Perennial in St. Louis rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, classes to teach the public skills and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Perennial has taught me how to sew and use woodworking tools while keeping materials out of landfills.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you!



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I firmly oppose this bill, which takes away important funding from institutions that are trying to keep organic waste out of landfills and use it in a positive way to grow local food for our communities What are you talking about? I don't even wanna know.



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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes—they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

Right now, these funds support hundreds of community organizations and small businesses across Missouri that:

- Keep recyclable and compostable materials out of landfills
- Create local jobs in waste management and support local economies
- Deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy
- This system works because it is locally directed, results-driven, and proven to keep waste out of landfills. HB2761 would dismantle that.

The funding currently supports in STL through Earthday365, 100+ businesses improve recycling and composting systems, diverting recyclables and organic waste from the landfill at over 35 event days each year. Earthday educates the public on reducing food waste and recycling correctly, with millions of impressions on their informational food waste advertisements each year.

In 2025 alone, Earthday365 here in STL, provided programs directly diverting 13,730,574.5 pounds of material from landfills. That number grows even larger when you include the millions of people who engage with their educational materials each year.

Please OPPOSE HB 2761. Thank you.



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Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial, City Sewing Room, Bworks, etc. rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Organizations like B Works and Perennial in St. Louis have saved thousands of pounds of waste and given communities direly needed resources in exchange.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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You should not vote for this.			



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As recent past president of the board of Earthday 365 I want to testify to the importance of keeping the SWMD local and fully funded. Being local SWMD tracks the work that it funds in waste diversion far better than DNR would be able to do, and the system has a track record of measurable success. There is no justification for the state taking this successful locally run program an absorbing it into the state. Leave Solid Waste Management to the local experts!



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I am contacting you to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

The programs and organizations funded by the MARC Solid Waste Management District rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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I myself heavily rely on local recycling and composting programs to limit my waste contribution to landfills. It is an important part of protecting the environment, in which we all live!

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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As the founder of Ingenuity LLC, a consultancy focused on advancing economic development through landfill diversion in the Kansas City region, and as a co-founder and member of Circular KC, I oppose House Bill 2761 on Solid Waste Management. The elimination of solid waste management districts across the state will remove critical connective tissue, a real-time understanding and response to local issues, and collaborative, on-the-ground partnerships that are helping to drive the economic engine for the state of Missouri. The Solid Waste Management District run by the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City, Missouri, is a prime example.

My consultancy has partnered with MARC SWMD on several occasions. First and foremost, the district co-sponsored a key research study published last year that analyzed the economic potential of discarded materials in the region. Through the district's championship, we learned that the KC metro area discards three (3) million tons of materials a year, 77 percent of that is landfilled, and that landfilled material is worth \$250 million. If that material were diverted into local ventures for repair, reuse and recycling, it would create more than 5,000 new jobs and the region's next billion-dollar industry cluster. The report can be downloaded here: <https://regeneration.us/material-flow-analysis-of-discarded-materials-in-the-kansas-city-metropolitan-area>.

MARC SWMD was also an essential partner in sponsoring and co-founding Circular KC with my organization and others. This new circular economy network of nearly 100 local government, business, nonprofit and academic leaders is focused on accelerating regional prosperity through collaboration and creating value from locally recovered resources.

Additionally, my consultancy received a grant from MARC SWMD this year to help develop an end-market for recycled drywall. By partnering with several Missouri-based companies including ClayCo Design & Engineering, Concrete Strategies, KC Dumpster and more, we will be testing whether recycled gypsum from discarded drywall cutoffs can serve as a partial, low-carbon substitute for cement in concrete. If the results go as planned, we foresee this becoming a market that can keep 30,000 tons of drywall (which emits toxic gas as it deteriorates) out of Missouri landfills each year in the KC area alone.

Each of these examples were made possible by having a motivated and economically astute solid waste management district operating at a local level. That's the most reliable path to forming relationships, developing trust, and pursuing projects that are both regionally relevant and enriching to the state overall. As each solid waste management district experiences wins, their network also

promotes the sharing best practices and new models enabling replication and scale across the state.

As someone who's seen first-hand the positive impact that MARC SWMD district has made on the ground in the KC area, I wholeheartedly advocate for a strengthening of the current decentralized and locally attuned system rather than an elimination of it. Thank you for your service to the state of Missouri and for your full consideration of this testimony.



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I think the current earthday365 people are doing a good job informing us as to possible recycling opportunities. I hope they can keep their funding.



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- I personally visit Perennial and Bworks often, and they are both wonderful examples of people coming together with great visions for a stronger community. St Louis needs more orgs like this, and should lift up the ones we have.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DAVID GARIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I hope this bill will be amended to ensure the continuation of the solid waste management districts and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. That is critical to provide necessary funding to organizations that support local recycling, waste reduction, and responsible disposal programs across the state. Without changes to that effect, I encourage you to vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID GERKEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Each region should retain in control of grants for each counties That are in the regions. not have the state regulate individual enities to get access to Grant money.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID SOBECK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Please do not pass this legislation. It will hurt local communities environmental waste protection and their economies. Thank You



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID WEINBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Re: HB2761

I stand in opposition to HB2761 as it impacts organizations that have positive impacts on the community. Moneys that would be removed are currently used to:

- Helps cover labor costs to refurbish thousands of unloved bicycles and computers
- collect and divert over 121,000 lbs of materials from landfills each year.
- Leverage this funding as a local match to attract larger federal grants and out of state grants.

The community would suffer if Hb2761 passed. Please do not support this bill



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DEANNA DANGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 3:17 PM
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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems.

These funds come from landfill user fees— not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: DEANNA DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. Its potential passage is deeply concerning to me as a citizen of the state, since this bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

As a resident of St. Louis City, I understand firsthand the challenges that the City has faced in running and maintaining a city-wide recycling program- very evidently as of the recent abandonment of neighborhood recycling services/pickup. Locally managed programs and organizations like earthday365 help fill in this gap for badly needed services. They use funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year by organizing waste and recycling collection programs, educate the public, and supporting Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DEANNA SIMON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 1:33 PM
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I love going to the Earth day festival in St. Louis. It's a great way to meet new people, find new sustainable businesses in the area, and have a great community building event. It would be a tragedy if this event was no longer able to continue. It would also be a tragedy if all the people who have jobs that rely on this money would no longer be able to do this important work.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DEB STULCE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-546-1010	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: IRON COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DEBBIE ROACH		PHONE NUMBER: 816-341-5200	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: REGION A		TITLE: CHAIRPERSON, REGION A	
ADDRESS: 809 S BRIGGS ST			
CITY: GRANT CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64456
EMAIL: danroach@grantcity.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 1:51 PM

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As the Chairperson of the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District A since 1992, I strongly oppose HB 2761. I have witnessed for many years the positive impact and successes the Districts have had throughout the state. Eliminating the solid waste districts which were mandated by the state in 1991 would negatively impact jobs, recycling, reducing waste on many levels, educational projects promoting recycling and many other positive things that happen because of the Solid Waste Districts across the State. Please vote against HB 2761! Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DEBBY ENGLISH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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We need solid waste management in Wayne County Missouri



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DEBRA CUMMINGS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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this legislation, if passed would harm our local recycling, eliminate District Grant programs that provide financial assistance to cities, counties, and organizations that develop new or improved programs that would reduce solid waste. It would remove local control, negatively impact jobs in the recycling industry, and cause tax revenues to leave our area.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have a very negative impact on the region. It would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center. It's the only one for 5 counties .

I recycling half my waste. It only makes sense to do. I wish we had more options. This should be one of the top concerns for the citizens and leaders of this great state, respectfully.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DELANEY ARMSTRONG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Unless you want the state of Missouri to turn into one giant landfill, we need regulation on solid waste. The Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee and solid waste management districts are instrumental in the maintaining clean outdoor spaces for people and wildlife alike. Removing these safeguards to the environment put so much at risk. As much as you like lounging by the water of the Ozarks and water features such as the Johnson Shut-ins, Elephant Rocks, and even the Meramac Caverns, they are at risk of pollution due to HB 2716. Do not pass this bill. Show me a beautiful Missouri instead.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DELANEY DEMRO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 9:10 PM
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Dear Committee Member Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The programs and organizations funded through the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District have made St. Louis a national leader of environmental stewardship and sustainable materials management. By ending the funding to SLJSWMD, the reputation of St. Louis will be sullied. It is critical that funds generated from destroying our natural resources are redirected towards protecting them. Not only have the programs and organizations that receive this funding protect the environment, but they also create spaces for community together to come together, learn from one another, become inspired, and facilitate positive change for our clarity and the region.

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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DELILAH PAPKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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This measure will increase the financial and environmental costs of waste management in Missouri, and it will critically harm the job creators and local businesses that utilize the funding at risk. Earthday365, for example, provides employment, creative programming, and an annual event that draws thousands of people, providing business to hundreds of small and locally-owned businesses. It also provides education and opportunity for residents to take cost-savings measures related to waste management (e.g. recycling and composting) and energy usage . The investment in organizations and businesses offers an outsized benefit to our state and should not be targeted or compromised.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DENISE SHOEMAKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Your comments can just say something like this:

If passed, this legislation would significantly harm local recycling and education programs and eliminate District Grant programs that provide financial assistance to cities, counties, and organizations that develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste. It would also remove local control, negatively impact jobs in the recycling industry, and cause tax revenues to leave our area.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have very dire consequences for the region. It would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling center in the 5-county region.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANA FRAZIER MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I strongly **OPPOSE** HB 2761, which is scheduled for review this week in the House Committee on Government Efficiency. I also strongly **SUPPORT** Missouri's current Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) structure, which this bill proposes to eliminate.

I volunteer with Home Sweet Home, a nonprofit furniture bank serving the St. Louis region. The funding that HSH has received for the last five years from the St. Louis–Jefferson SWMD is critical. This funding supports operations that divert more than 700 tons of material annually from regional landfills.

Beyond environmental impact, Home Sweet Home partners with more than 50 social service agencies to help individuals and families exiting homelessness or crisis furnish stable, dignified homes. SWMD funding directly supports the staff and trucks needed to collect donated furniture from local homes and businesses and deliver it to families in need. It's a miracle happening daily. If you saw what I see at HSH you would not propose changing the current SWMD structure.

For these reasons, I urge you to **PLEASE OPPOSE** HB 2761.

Diana Frazier Miller
Kirkwood



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE SHEEHAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I am strongly opposed to HB2761. My family and I are concerned that it could lead to less funding for local recycling efforts and needed environmental actions.

While we understand there's a need to remediate landfills across MO, the funding for that effort should be borne by the federal government, such as via the EPA.

I've heard that The Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program offers assistance to contaminated and toxic properties.

Please pursue that possibility.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DIANNA BRYANT, PHD		PHONE NUMBER: 816-701-8241	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MID AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT E		TITLE: PROGRAM MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 600 BROADWAY SUITE 200			
CITY: KANSAS CITY MISSOURI		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64105
EMAIL: dbryant@marc.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:03 PM	
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HB2761 erases 30 years of progress in infrastructure and relationships that have been built in local communities to support organizations that divert materials from landfills. This support is a force multiplier that expands the impact of waste reduction and material recovery activities throughout the state. Solid Waste Districts provide a service that will not and cannot be replaced by DNR. What will replace the districts is the most inefficient and ineffective solid waste management system in Missouri. A history of cooperation and collaboration in local communities to address the needs of residents will be replaced with a government machine built to regulate and enforce.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DK GODDARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

CITY SEWING IS A MUST FOR OUR COMMUNITY! Please ensure that they, along with many other local organizations are protected.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

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WITNESS NAME: DOMINIQUE BEGNAUD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I have benefited from, learned from, collaborate with so many organizations such as Perennial, EARTH365, MOBOT, STLARTWORKS, and others who need funding that this would eliminate.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DON CROZIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs. HB2761 would eliminate the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, and all other SWMDs, and transfer their funds to MODNR control. Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Don't mess with success. Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DONALD ORF		PHONE NUMBER: 314-640-2796	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS JEFFERSON SOLID WASTE MGMT DISTRICT (DISTRICT L)		TITLE: CHAIR OF BOARD	
ADDRESS: 556 LEFFINGWELL			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63122
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DONNA BRADLEY-JAEGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am strongly opposed to this legislation - control needs to stay at the local level. We do not need more government overreach nor do I trust this GOP lead administration to do what benefits the people!



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DONNA NORTHCOTT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-368-2505	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS SHAKESPEARE; MAGIC SMOKING MONKEY THEATRE		TITLE: FOUNDING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 7080 JAMIESON AVENUE APT. 4			
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63109
EMAIL: lanorte1@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 8:32 PM	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761, which not only keeps usable products (fabric, sewing machines, etc.) out of landfills, but teaches sewing - still a useful life skill!

As a freelance theatre Costume Designer, City Sewing Room is my first stop when creating costumes for a production. In recent years, most local fabric stores - Hancock Fabrics, Jackman's, JoAnn Fabric, Discount Decorating Outlet - have closed (and no - Hobby Lobby and Michael's are not "fabric stores"). Not only am I able to find options at City Sewing, but I am keeping "second hand" fabric out of landfills and purchasing it for a very reasonable price.

City Sewing Room also offers sewing lessons. I learned to sew from my grandmother, and was able to work in the Theatre Costume Shop in college and graduate school, which paid off a large portion of my tuition in undergrad and ALL of my tuition in grad school. Not many young people today have the luxury of parents or grandparents who sew, but they can learn at City Sewing Room. I taught Theatre at a university for almost 2 decades, and can confirm that students are still taking advantage of the opportunity to work off their tuition in university costume shops. Those students parlay those skills into summer work with local professional theatres - some even having successful careers as costume designers.

The City Sewing Room, though small, is an invaluable resource for so many in St. Louis. On my visits, I see customers of all ages being supported. And I also see the value of keeping an abundance of textiles out of landfills and instead, giving those fabrics, buttons, zippers, and so much more another life.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

I strongly urge you to oppose HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DONNA VREELAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are being put to good use.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent,

Donna Vreeland



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WITNESS NAME: DOUG SPARR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

PLEASE VOTE NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: DOUGLAS WYLIE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Jan. 26, 2026

To Kansas City Area State Senators and Representatives:

The future of recycling and waste diversion in the Kansas City region and across Missouri is in jeopardy.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, the Missouri House Government Efficiency Committee will have a hearing on House Bill 2761 to determine if the state's Solid Waste Management Districts should be eliminated. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources wants to use district funds to expand enforcement and regulations. Additionally, the Senate is considering Senate Bill 1586, which also proposes eliminating the state's 20 Solid Waste Management Districts and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Board.

Since 1993, the Kansas City region's Solid Waste Management District has used the grant program to provide more than \$15 million to waste reduction, recycling, composting, education and market development programs. Grants to local public, private and nonprofit organizations have moved the needle on recycling and waste diversion in the region — but our work is far from done.

Inaccurate data has been used to characterize Solid Waste Management Districts as wasteful. Under current guidelines, MDNR passes tipping fees collected from waste haulers — some \$10 million per year — to the districts. Each district must pass through 50% of its allocated funds in local grants. The remaining 50% supports communities through planning, technical assistance, education and outreach. In our District, only 10% of program funds go to grant administration. Over the past 30 years, the region's Solid Waste Management District has built a strong local and regional infrastructure that supports market development for recycling-based businesses and jobs; fosters the development of waste reduction and recycling services; helps prevent illegal dumping; and offers education and outreach programs.

This critical work needs to continue. We believe Missouri legislators should oppose House Bill 2761 and Senate Bill 1586. As members of the Solid Waste Management District Board – District E, we ask that you join us in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Doug Wylie

Chair, MARC Solid Waste Management District Executive Board

Alderman, Parkville, Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: DOUGLAS WYLIE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to removing the Solid Waste Management Districts in Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: DR. ANNE VALUSKA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.



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WITNESS NAME: DUSTIN MARETH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: DYLAN DODSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident and a small business owner who uses the services of other small businesses that benefit from programs funded by the SWMDs. The passage of this legislation would devastate our friends, family, neighbors and community.



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WITNESS NAME: ELAINE SCHMIDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am vehemently against these cuts to environmental orgs that are doing incredible work for our local communities.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIJAH GILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District provides incredibly valuable services to the local community. Their work with the appliance and tire recycling drives in coordination with local businesses like Brewer Science keep an incredible amount of hazardous waste out of our local communities. Without these services, a lot of this waste would end up in back yards, or nearby woods in illegal dumps that pollute our local environment. Please continue to support our local solid waste management districts.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZA CAPERTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The St. Louis community relies heavily on Perennial to facilitate obtaining second-hand materials at a low cost for projects and personal use. Perennial also provides accessible education through affordable classes in practical skills such as wood-working, furniture repair, home repairs, knot-tying, and more. Perennial is an institution of sustainability, creativity, and community in St. Louis that must be protected.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH CARVER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 10:06 AM
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I have been composting with New Earth Farm for several years now and greatly appreciate the opportunity to keep food waste out of landfills and to be more mindful of food waste in general. I wish more community members would commit to composting or have the opportunity to do so.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH FINDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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We cannot underestimate the importance of local organizations. Passing this bill would be a step backwards in waste management. Can we please stop shooting ourselves in the foot?



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH KRAMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I have been lucky to participate in programs funded by St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Management fees, and they have helped me understand how to reduce the amount of waste that I put into the waste stream. This has helped me be a better neighbor and make better use of what I have. To me, a fundamental Missouri value is that we should be constantly learning and doing things for ourselves, and the programs funded by these fees help that to happen. Education, programming, and opportunities for businesses to improve their waste stream are really important, and local communities should be permitted to make these decisions.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH NICHOLS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH SABETTA		PHONE NUMBER: 502-572-9387	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EARTHDAY365		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 4125 HUMPHREY ST.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63116
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	

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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH SCHAPPE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I believe this bill will be detrimental to Missouri communities. Protecting our lands from excess pollution, keeping our communities clean, and protecting our natural resources is imperative to the Missouri economy. This bill eliminates critical funding to keep Missouri natural areas, towns, and cities clean. Our pristine natural areas bring economic activity to the state. This bill is short sighted. Eliminating funding will damage the Missouri economy and create more tax payer burden when we inevitably have to clean up unprotected areas and deal with overflowing landfills.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH USTINOV		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a Missouri resident, I strongly oppose HB2761. The current SWMD grant system is proven, efficient, and essential to supporting small businesses and nonprofits that create jobs and address local needs.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm depend on this funding to divert hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste from landfills annually.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH WALLIS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-898-7553	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: REMAINS, PERENNIAL, FOREST RELEAF, MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN		TITLE: LIBRARIAN	
ADDRESS: 3 SUNSWEPT DRIVE			
CITY: ST LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63141
EMAIL: wallislb@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 8:32 AM	
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I oppose this bill. Local and effective organizations like REMAINS and Perennial who assist citizens and organizations in up cycling, recycling, reusing items; lowers landfill use, and empowers citizens to contribute to a cleaner and healthier local and regional environment



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a teacher with a minimal budget, I rely on businesses like Perrennial and The Teacher's Recycle center to supplement the new supplies I purchase with a limited budget. These businesses count on grant money to provide services and supplies that so many in the St. Louis area use and depend on. These businesses divert items from the landfills while help our communities. I urge you to oppose HB 2761.



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The If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes—they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

Organizations like Home Sweet Home, Perennial, BWorks, Earthday 365 are grant recipient of the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Because of this essential funding, they are able to provide employment, community engagement, and keep waste out of the landfills.

Missouri cannot afford to move backward on waste reduction.

As someone who has donated to Home Sweet Home, received a bike seat for my toddler from BWorks, created art and community at Perennial, taken walks and enjoyed the Children's Garden with my son at MoBot, bought bulbs from Brightside, and participated in Earth365 events, I know first hand the value organizations like this provide our community.



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WITNESS NAME: ELLIE HILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. As a New Earth Farm subscriber, it is important to me to be able to continue contributing to the meaningful work that this organization has dedicated itself to in mitigating food waste and imagining a greener future for St. Louis.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY ADAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my extremely strong opposition to HB 2761. I value quite a few things in my life, but one thing that brings me comfort and joy over most other things, is my love of making things with my hands. Now, I know it may seem off-base that I am opposing HB 2761, but please, hear what I have to say.

I source my materials for lots of different kinds of art from several places that one might consider inconsequential nonprofit organizations, especially when one is trying to save statewide budgetary money. But, City Sewing Room in South St. Louis is, and has been, not only an invaluable resource for my community, but particularly invaluable for myself. Along with diverting thousands of pounds of solid waste from landfills, it is also a living, breathing organization of intentional human beings who share their knowledge with anyone who wants to learn. One can even find materials to mend clothing, purses, blanket/quilts, and other items, keeping those newly-mended items out of the trash, as well. Furthermore, I have purchased loads of tools and become acquainted with many individuals who share my passion for making. This wonderful place allows the opportunity to source materials that are still usable and useful, rather than throwing them into the dumpster where they will continue on their journey to rot in a landfill over the next several hundred or thousand years.

Beyond that, I have found a large amount of resources and materials that I use for the art class I volunteer to teach at my children's elementary school. Leftovers, Etc. in the City of St. John, has put books and supplies on the shelves of my kids' classrooms, art supplies in my students' hands, and school supplies in my children's backpacks. While they may not always have exactly what I would like, oftentimes, I find something that creates more opportunity for a higher level of creativity and critical thinking. I have never spent more than \$25 on a trip to leftovers, and each time, I get a bag full of things that make mine or someone else's life better.

I expect ReFab in St. Louis is also a place that could be in danger if HB 2761 is passed. This business salvages architectural items that cannot be reproduced, as the artisans who made these items no longer exist. The unique spirit of the items available cannot simply be found in a box store. ReFab works hard to source their materials from buildings before they are torn down. For example, I am looking forward to purchasing floorboards from a maple gym floor to create a new countertop in my laundry room. There is nothing like "adopting" an item with history to become something new again.

I know I don't need to highlight how many people are struggling with inflation and the rising costs of

things lately. One thing I would like to emphasize is that these places not only save resources, they also provide dignity for people who may not have the money to always be buying things new. I live a life of average means, and even I have found loads of value in the availability of saving resources that are still good, often better made, and necessary.

I love to use and source items (treasures) from all of these places, especially because the types of art I make aren't for a profit. They are for me, and they make my life rich. These stores are my bounty, my embarrassment of riches, and I truly do not know what I would do if they were gone—our city would be quite bleak.

Please do not pass HB 2761, my community depends on all of these places to uplift it. Thank you for listening to my plea. Please preserve these happy spaces, not only for me, but for so many of us needing hope in our community, and vote no on HB 2761.

Sincerely,
Emily Adams



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: EMILY ANDREWS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI GATEWAY GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63110
EMAIL: emily@mogreenbuildings.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 4:35 AM
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Please vote no on HB 2761 to keep waste out of landfills.

Right now, solid waste management district funds support hundreds of community organizations and small businesses across Missouri that:

Keep recyclable and compostable materials out of landfills

Create local jobs in waste management and support local economies

Deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy

This system works because it is locally directed, results-driven, and proven to keep waste out of landfills.

Please vote no on this harmful legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY CANTRELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Representative Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are.

City Sewing Room is an invaluable resource for crafter, quilters, sewists and many others. I have been able to purchase supplies for projects, repairing clothing and bags, and material to create new items. Their classes also helped me increase my sewing skills to tailor pants to fit me. All of these were from donated materials that are being put to good use instead of put in a landfill. City Sewing Room is an amazing community and environmental resource.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY CARTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Kimble,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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Having places like City Sewing have given me the opportunity to learn the skills of sewing and crochet, find affordable materials, and be an active part of my local community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I have seen first hand how the recipients of these grants have had positive effect on our communities. I have actively worked with and donated to Home Sweet Home for the last 5 years. Denying these funds would be catastrophic not only to our resources, but also to the lives of so many who rely on the help provided by these organizations.



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY SEIPLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. I bought my sewing machine at City Sewing Room and see my own clothes from donated fabric. I don't buy new clothes and I have even learned to service old sewing machines to keep them out of the landfill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: EMMA KLUES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm very concerned with the sudden loss of funding to critical organizations doing great work on the ground for our communities that divert waste from landfills. This is a KEY solution and should be supported if not expanded, not cut.



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WITNESS NAME: EMMA SEYFFERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Perennial STL and City Sewing room provide incredible accessibility to craft supplies, while also providing the education about how to reuse items that would've otherwise been waste. My community is better because of these places and the others like them that are offering creative solutions to waste management. Their work is vital to the community and the environment. I very much oppose this bill. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC HAYES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly disagree with this bill. It will have a very large negative impact on far too many organizations that are doing wonderful work trying to make our world and community a better place. Please vote down this measure!



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC HAYES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support any action that has the positive outcome of diverting materials from landfills. Groups that work tirelessly on issues like this need our support to help make a positive difference in our community.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC LARSON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-645-6753	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS - JEFFERSON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 556 LEFFINGWELL DR.			
CITY: KIRKWOOD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63122
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: ERIC SENTELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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If passed, this legislation would significantly harm local recycling programs in cities, counties, and organizations. It would remove local control, negatively impact jobs, and decrease local tax revenue.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have very dire consequences for the region. It would force the closure of the Ozarks Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling center in a 5-county region.



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WITNESS NAME: ERICA KINGERY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to express my opposition to Missouri House Bill 2761. While the bill is presented as a restructuring of solid waste management policy, its provisions risk weakening environmental protections, reducing local accountability, and undermining recycling efforts that benefit both communities and the environment.

HB 2761 would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee—entities that currently provide local oversight, community expertise, and regional planning. These bodies play an important role in ensuring that waste management decisions reflect local needs and environmental conditions. Removing them centralizes authority and reduces opportunities for public input, which is especially concerning for communities already dealing with landfill impacts, illegal dumping, or limited waste infrastructure.

Recycling centers are a critical part of Missouri's solid waste management system and provide substantial environmental benefits. They reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserve natural resources, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and help protect air and water quality. Recycling also supports local jobs and helps extend the lifespan of existing landfills, saving taxpayers money over time. Policies that destabilize funding or planning for recycling programs risk increasing landfill reliance and environmental harm.

HB 2761 also increases landfill tipping fees and changes how Solid Waste Management Fund revenues are distributed. While funding environmental programs is important, the bill does not clearly ensure that additional costs imposed on residents, small haulers, and rural communities will be reinvested in recycling centers, waste reduction programs, or environmental cleanup. Without strong transparency and accountability measures, higher fees may simply be passed on to consumers without delivering meaningful environmental improvements.

Finally, the bill's restructuring of fund allocation reduces predictability for local governments and recycling facilities that rely on stable funding to operate and plan for the future. Missouri should be strengthening proven waste reduction and recycling programs—not creating uncertainty that could force programs to scale back or close.

For these reasons, I urge lawmakers to oppose HB 2761 or substantially revise it to preserve local oversight, protect recycling infrastructure, ensure transparent use of funds, and prioritize long-term environmental and public health outcomes for Missouri communities.

**Respectfully,
Erica Kingery
Poplar Bluff, Mo**



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: ERIKA BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Erika Brown, and I am a resident of District 82. I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste management programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits to our communities.

I work for earthday365, a St. Louis-based nonprofit that is integral to Missouri's environmental efforts. I serve as a Site Supervisor for the Recycling on the Go program, which manages waste at events across the St. Louis metro area. Our team diverts materials from landfills to recycling centers and composting facilities, and in 2025 alone, we diverted more than 47 tons of waste from local landfills.

Our program employs 20 individuals who are passionate about keeping our city clean and reducing landfill overflow. In addition to waste diversion, we provide public education at events, and our employees receive jobs training to help them succeed in future careers. Funding from the local solid waste management program directly supports this team, along with other vital earthday365 initiatives such as community education, the Green Dining Alliance, and the annual Earth Day Festival - a longstanding St. Louis tradition.

Importantly, this funding does not come from tax dollars. It comes from fees paid by landfills. and is reinvested locally to strengthen environmental programs that clearly benefit our region.

Please protect these effective, community-based efforts and keep funding decisions local by voting NO on HB2761.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erika Brown



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We need to continue to keep recyclable materials out of landfills.			



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WITNESS NAME: ERIKA ROGERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like (my favorite) City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

CSR not only diverts waste from landfills but maintains a space where community members can learn traditional sewing skills and acquire materials economically.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working. Thank you for your time!



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WITNESS NAME: ERIN CLARK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Members of the Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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City Sewing Room is a blessing to our greater St. Louis Area community by teaching people to sew enabling them to be more self-sufficient and express their creativity through fiber arts and as an essential resource to keep perfectly good sewing and crafting supplies out of landfills and making them available to people who are on fixed incomes or just want to reduce their waste to help the environment.

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I am a Missouri resident and would like to oppose HB2761. The existing system supports a number of the local businesses that I use or frequent because they do, what I find to be extremely important work, which is diverting waste from landfills. In a landfill, waste essentially becomes inert, takes up space, and is can no longer be used by individuals for other ends. For example, since signing up for New Earth Farms composting, my family has diverted hundreds of pounds of waste from the local landfill, and more importantly, that waste is now being converted to compost material that can be used by local growers. Additionally, I have benefited from the free or reduced cost of fabric offered by City Sewing Room. They divert massive amounts (I don't know the exact number but I know they can tell you!) of scrap fabric and craft materials from the landfill as well. Beyond that, they provide an important good of creating community and teaching people an important life skill. These two businesses, not to mention the others that would be affected by HB 2761, contribute significantly to my quality of life and make me proud to be a Missourian.



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WITNESS NAME: ETHAN FUDGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This bill is a misguided attempt to restructure of Missouri's solid waste system that would, in effect, eliminate swaths of community-level waste reduction, recycling, and reuse programs. By centralizing control within the Department of Natural Resources, the bill would cut off the community grants and locally led programs that help residents and small organizations divert waste, repair goods, compost, and reduce what goes to landfills. Without these districts, hundreds of local jobs tied to waste reduction, education, recycling, and community-based environmental programming across the St. Louis region would be at risk. The elimination of these grants would remove residents' freedom and access to the tools, training, and programs they rely on to lower their own waste footprint.

While the bill raises tipping fees and allocates funds for addressing abandoned disposal sites, it simultaneously strips away the local infrastructure that actually prevents waste from being landfilled in the first place. The result would be a sharp reduction in diversion programs and millions of pounds of unnecessary and recoverable material ending up in Missouri's landfills.

At a time of rising waste volumes, increasing environmental harms, and overwhelming community need, removing local capacity for local waste management and environmental action is a step backward. Vote no on HB 2761.



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This is a terrible idea.



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WITNESS NAME: FROGGI (RAMONA) VANRIPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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There are many examples of inefficient and wasteful government spending, but this is clearly not one of them. I personally interact with a number of organizations and government employees in the City of St. Louis whose waste management work is directly funded through this program. Their work is critical to public health and a thriving city.



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WITNESS NAME: GABRIEL BRETERNITZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: GABRIELLE LEVINE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 8:54 AM
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Dear Ann Wagner,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

There is an extreme amount of waste in every sector of our country, especially the fashion and textile industry. We have enough clothes right now on Earth to clothe the next six generations on the entire planet! By cutting funding to programs like City Sewing Room you'd simply be ignoring this issue and letting other marginalized and less resourced people to deal with YOUR mess. Our world is interconnected, you can't simply ignore this issue because of your own short-term, selfish reasons, this waste must be properly dealt with NOW. Please have some human decency and thaw your cold heart and don't take away funding from a place like City Sewing Room, a non-profit organization who is doing the work that you as my representative should be doing in the first place.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: GAYLE LARSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: GEENA RICHARDS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB2761. This legislation would strip funding from locally run solid waste programs that have consistently reduced landfill use, created local employment opportunities, and delivered meaningful environmental gains.

Organizations such as earthday365 depend on these resources to divert millions of pounds of material from landfills each year, provide public education, and help Missouri businesses implement effective recycling and composting practices. These dollars come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should remain invested in the communities where they generate the greatest impact.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and preserve local authority over landfill diversion funds, which ensures transparency, accountability, and continued success.



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Please do not pass this bill. We need to support recycling and practical environmental initiatives.



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Local nonprofit or organizations, such as Home Sweet Home and others, will face a funding shortage if this bill passes. With inflation at an all-time high, the economy struggling, Missourians need these community nonprofit organizations more than ever. Keep them fully funded!



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WITNESS NAME: GERRY WASS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-669-7080	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HERE TO HELP PURDY		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 6279 STATE HIGHWAY V V			
CITY: VERONA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65769
EMAIL: gwass1956@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 1:07 PM

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Is this a bill to end community recycling in Missouri? Has a rationale for each detailed section of this bill been made available? Could this bill be rejected and yet still serve the purpose of opening a deeper and wider discussion about ending landfilling in Missouri?



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: GILLIAN GARLAND		PHONE NUMBER: 618-406-6519	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EARTHDAY365		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 4125 HUMPHREY ST.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63116
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:00 AM	

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This bill will add thousands of pounds of additional waste into the environment, affecting public health and contribute to climate change. Funds are needed to support local St Louis organizations that keep waste out of landfills and many people employed.



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Organizations like EarthDay365 rely on these funds to support events large and small in the community to run in a way that is less harmful to the environment and leaves our public parks and other outdoor spaces clean and litter-free after events.

The loss of these funds would critically impact the ability of many organizations to do this work, costing Missourians in terms of jobs lost and a lower quality of life. Some of these organizations would have no option but to close down if these funds are lost. That loss is unconscionable to me.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Keep local funding for recycling projects in the bill!			



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WITNESS NAME: GREG COOKSEY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-602-0079	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MRC I, LLC DBA MIDWEST RECYCLING CENTER		TITLE: COMPLIANCE OFFICER	
ADDRESS: 3751 OLD STATE ROAD M			
CITY: IMPERIAL		STATE: MO	ZIP: 62236
EMAIL: greg@midwrc.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 10:29 AM	
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Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) Testimony — HB 2761 (Oppose)

Organization: Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)**

Position: Oppose HB 2761**

Statement:

Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) opposes HB 2761. The Solid Waste Management Districts are a critical component of Missouri's recycling and diversion framework and have been for more than 30 years. They provide the only consistent mechanism for regional planning, public education, material collection, and market development for recycling and waste reduction across the state. Eliminating the districts would eliminate the funding and capacity that cities, counties, and regional partners rely on for diversion, household hazardous waste management, community recycling events, and other activities that do not function without local coordination. Eliminating the districts would also replace locally administered programs with a centralized state-controlled model, reducing flexibility and local decision-making.

HB 2761 also creates significant unintended consequences for the State. The districts currently reduce future solid waste liabilities through upstream diversion, education, and HHW programming that keeps problem materials out of landfills. The bill would redirect those funds toward legacy landfill remediation without replacing the district functions that reduce tomorrow's liabilities. MRC does not oppose remediation of closed landfills; however, robbing one function to pay for another solves a legacy problem while creating new ones. It would also shift long-term financial and operational responsibility to State government without a defined replacement system.

From a market perspective, the districts support recycling jobs, downstream processors, equipment investment, and public-private partnerships that strengthen Missouri's circular economy. Removing these functions would reduce local capacity, discourage private investment, and eliminate funding for electronics, HHW, and other collection events relied upon by residents and small businesses across the state.

For these reasons, MRC respectfully urges the Committee to oppose HB 2761.



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WITNESS NAME: GRETCHEN A. KRIEG-LOUDERMILK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs and delivering real environmental benefits. City Sewing Room in STL diverts 2,600 pounds of waste weekly! It is a welcome place to recycle fabric and all sewing notions. I am a frequent user of City Sewing Room.



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WITNESS NAME: HALEY KOCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: HANNAH BARNETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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If this bill passes, the consequences for our communities will be severe and long-lasting. It would dismantle vital local recycling and education programs and eliminate District Grant funding that cities, counties, and community organizations rely on to develop and sustain effective waste reduction initiatives. These programs are not optional, they are essential to responsible growth, environmental stewardship, and fiscal accountability.

This legislation would also strip decision making authority from local communities, replacing it with centralized control that does not reflect the needs or realities of our region. In doing so, it would directly harm local jobs in the recycling and waste management industry and force valuable tax dollars out of our area.

Most concerning of all, the loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District would have devastating consequences for our region. It would result in the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center the only recycling facility serving our five-county area. Without it, residents and businesses would lose access to recycling altogether, significantly increasing landfill waste and long-term environmental and financial costs.

This bill does not streamline services or save money it undermines proven systems, weakens local control, and places an unnecessary burden on communities that are already working hard to be responsible stewards of their resources.



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I am writing to urge lawmakers to vote no on HB2761. The control and management of this funding should stay locally to benefit the organization and citizens of the local community. This funding is vital for the community organizations that receive it and it should not be transferred to the control of the Department of Natural Resources. Please allow these organizations to do the essential work that they are equipped to do.



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Dear Mr. Kimble,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I am able to come to a place that welcomes all and encourages creativity and critical thinking in a way that also protects further generations. We cannot allow this to be left behind or we as a species will be quickly left behind.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Missouri resident here who has seen my community benefit from funding this program provides. Funding provides jobs, small business support and most importantly uplifts programming keeping valuable materials out of landfills and back into active use.

Please vote no!



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This bill will gut local level environmental action all across the state, and result in more materials going to landfills.

Local control allows local citizens to respond effectively to local problems, which is more efficient than creating more bureaucracy at the state level. Currently the SWMD system is working well and diverting millions of pounds from landfills across the state. As a private citizen I am against this, and as a professional of a local university I am against this.



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Solid waste management is essential to each district in the state. Without these districts, we are losing valuable educational tools alongside people losing their jobs. Funding does not need to cut solid waste management, especially to increase tipping rates anyways. I'm not entirely certain what the need for this is and where the funding is truly going, but we need solid waste management across the state, not cutting the funding so one area of the state can benefit.



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WITNESS NAME: HEATHER WATKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GREEN OPTIONS PBC, DBA BOLD REUSE		TITLE: CO-FOUNDER	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: INDEPENDENCE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64050
EMAIL: heather@boldreuse.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 5:20 PM
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Chair and Members of the House Government Efficiency Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding House Bill 2761 and Senate Bill 1586.

I am writing to express strong support for Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and, specifically, the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District. As a reuse and waste-reduction service provider operating in the Kansas City region, we have seen firsthand how MARC's locally driven model delivers measurable economic, environmental, and fiscal benefits.

A model rooted in local control and efficiency

MARC's district structure reflects conservative, results-oriented governance:

- Decisions are made regionally and close to the communities they serve, rather than through a centralized, one-size-fits-all approach.
- Funding is generated through a user-based tipping fee, ensuring waste generators, not general taxpayers, fund infrastructure improvements.
- District resources are used to catalyze private-sector solutions, not to expand government operations.

Economic growth, jobs, and regional pride

-Through MARC-supported infrastructure and grant programs, the Kansas City region has become a national leader in modern waste reduction. Notably, MARC-supported investments helped enable the Kansas City Chiefs to become the first NFL stadium in the country to implement reusable packaging stadium-wide. This achievement did not happen by accident. It required coordinated planning, equipment investment, and regional infrastructure that only a district-based model can provide.

These efforts create skilled, local jobs in logistics, operations, maintenance, and manufacturing. Recycling, composting, and reuse activities supported by MARC create four to ten times more jobs than landfill disposal, while strengthening Kansas City's reputation as a forward-looking, business-friendly region. The same infrastructure now supports local festivals, community events, and upcoming regional initiatives to reduce waste and improve operational efficiency.

Kansas City has created a legacy other regions are now looking to replicate. That legacy would not be possible without MARC's leadership and investment.

Cost avoidance and taxpayer protection

MARC's work reduces reliance on landfills, extending their lifespan and avoiding the high cost and long-term liabilities associated with new landfill development. Investing upstream in diversion infrastructure is significantly more cost-effective than paying for downstream cleanup, enforcement, and remediation. Eliminating the districts would shift these costs back onto cities, counties, and taxpayers.

Proven accountability and results

For more than 30 years, MARC has administered grants and essential services with strong oversight, including regular audits and state review. These investments support food rescue, construction material reuse, electronics recycling, household hazardous waste collection, and public information services that residents and businesses rely on every day.

A nationally relevant, conservative model

Missouri's Solid Waste Management District framework is increasingly viewed as a national best practice. States such as Arizona have adopted similar tipping-fee-based approaches to modernize waste infrastructure, unlocking private investment, innovation, and job growth without expanding state bureaucracy. Missouri already has this model in place and should continue to lead.

Conclusion

From a fiscal responsibility, economic development, and public health perspective, Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts deliver strong returns on a targeted, locally accountable investment. MARC has helped Kansas City build infrastructure, create jobs, and establish a national legacy in modern waste management that benefits businesses, residents, and taxpayers alike.

I respectfully urge the Committee to preserve Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and allow this proven model to continue delivering value for communities across the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,
Heather Watkins
Cofounder and Chief Revenue Officer
Bold Reuse**



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WITNESS NAME: HELENA ULETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, BWorks, The City Sewing Room and many more, rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have been an ardent consumer, patron and supporter of Perennial, the City Sewing Room, BWorks, Ripple Glass and, actually every single organization that stands to lose huge maintain of funding if this bill passes. These organizations are vital community members and do great work. I have relied upon them heavily.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill will harm incredible organizations by removing a huge source of their funding. I volunteer for one, Home Sweet Home, an organization that simultaneously keeps usable items out of landfills AND provides household essentials to needy people.



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WITNESS NAME: HILARY LINDSTROM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB 2761. It would negatively affect environmental efforts and organizations in the area.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLIE TUCKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable,



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY A DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The City Sewing Room has provided vital learning experiences and affordable resources for myself and my family. With limited places to go for learning hands-on skills (sewing, mending, etc.) I don't know what I would do without The City Sewing Room.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY ELIZABETH DU		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB 2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, New Earth Farms, City Sewing Room, and Perennial in St. Louis, MO rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste out of our landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have personally participated in programs that each of these local businesses offer and have seen first hand how waste is being diverted. For example, I have been a member of New Earth Farm's composting program since fall of 2023. To date, my household has sent 738 pounds of food waste to be composted, diverting these scraps from taking up space in our landfills.

Please vote NO on HB 2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you for your time.

Holly Du



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I oppose this bill, and want the funding to stay as it is, not be handed off to natural resources.



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WITNESS NAME: IKE SKELTON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-525-1906	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CAMDEN COUNTY MO		TITLE: PRESIDING COMMISSIONER	
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CITY: CAMDENTON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65020
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly.

These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most needed



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My name is Isabel and I'm writing to oppose Bill HB2761. My household and community strongly rely on local organizations in order to be able to effectively recycle and compost our waste. These are organizations that NEED these funds to be able to operate. I have been able to recycle electronics and paint, and easily compost items that are usually very difficult when using a traditional backyard compost method. I feel that these local orgs can best support me and my needs. That is why I am opposing this bill and hope the funds can stay local.



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WITNESS NAME: JACK W. HODGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Harrison County is a member of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District (NMSWMD) which is the largest district consisting of 11 counties in north central Missouri. Our county receives funding to host an annual regional household hazardous waste collection where we collect paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, etc. During these events we also collect tires, appliances, batteries, and electronics. This effort keeps items from being illegally dumped on county roads and in our streams. These collection events have been very successful and without funding our patrons of our county will not have access to this service.

HB 2761 will have a negative impact on waste reduction and recycling, which has many environmental benefits and improves the quality of life in our county and would reduce or eliminate recycling in rural Missouri. HB 2761 would eliminate local control, eliminate the solid waste districts which are a valuable resource to the patrons of Missouri, and give all of the control to MDNR that does not have the staff to handle the elimination of the Districts.

With the elimination of the Districts, the local control of District funds would be moved to MDNR. The local control of awarding grants to our local cities, counties, non-profits and other organizations would also be eliminated and moved to MDNR, with no assurances that our District would continue to receive the 50% allocation of \$47,500.00.



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WITNESS NAME: JACKSON JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JACLYN CROW		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Nick Kimble,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly.

These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Creative solutions like the City Sewing Room provide waste management, community engagement, education, and more that help make our community better. As a resident living near the City Sewing Room, I pass the organization relying on these funds on a daily basis and am always reminded that it is a positive light bringing myself and my neighbors together.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for **LOCALLY** managed solid waste programs and educational outreach that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control by the SWMDs, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JAIA SANDBOTHE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Mr. Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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As a full time college student in the arts, the city sewing room is a vital resource for my classmates and I. Not only would this bill harm an organization so vital to the community, it would contribute to environment and public health risks. Please take into account and stance of your constituents on this bill, I strongly oppose the passing of HB2761.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

These are important and essential programs. It would be a shame to see them go away.

Please Vote NO on HB2761



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES HOEKZEMA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Vote NO on HB2761.



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Dear Representative Bosley,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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WITNESS NAME: JAMES TYLER ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room and earthday365 rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Keeping local money local to continue--and even better--these programs is what our community needs now more than ever. As the general population grows, keeping as much man-made waste out of our landfills as possible will protect our environment and community for generations to come.

Regardless of which side of the political spectrum we fall under, supporting local programs that have a proven track record of utilizing their resources to better the air we breath, the water we drink, and the lives we live is something we should all be in favor of.

Passing this bill would have immediate negative effects on programs that affect my daily life. Please do not allow these vital resources to fade away.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMI STARK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to urge you not to support Bill 2761. These funds are essential to fighting waste- large scale waste- of items that can certainly be repurposed by community members rather than end up in landfills. These funds-and so much more btw-should absolutely be controlled hyper locally.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE VOLLMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please keep the funding in support of local nonprofits.



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WITNESS NAME: JANACA SCHERER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial STL and City Sewing Room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I regularly attend classes at Perennial and shop at City Sewing Room. I have found so much value in the knowledge that they openly share with others. They are true supporters of reduce, reuse, recycle.

Please note NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you,
Janaca Scherer
St. Louis Resident



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WITNESS NAME: JANE TELLINI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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As a constituent of St Louis City, I oppose the HB2761 Banderman Solid waste management bill. It would take away vital funds for small businesses and organizations in the St. Louis area that add educational value and essential cultural and community building experiences. Additionally, it is vital for the health of our land and resources and we keep waste in landfills at bay. Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: JANE KERSCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a resident of St. Louis, I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs - including New Earth Farm, Bworks, St. Louis Area Foodbank, Brightside, Earthways Center, and more.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.
Small businesses and nonprofits like the ones mentioned above rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.
Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: JANELLE MESSEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 6:43 PM
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Dear Rep Hausman, Rep Mayhew, and Rep Burton:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

These services are vital to my overall health and well-being and I am literally sick and tired of anything related to the environment facing budget cuts. This is going to cost us ALL in the long run not caring about these issues.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JANET JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This would impact our county significantly.			



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JANET SQUIBB		PHONE NUMBER: 573-547-1047	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: UNITED ENTERPRISES, INC		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 618 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE			
CITY: PERRYVILLE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63775
EMAIL: janetsquibb@unitedenterprises.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 5:22 PM

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My name is Janet Squibb, Executive Director at United Enterprises, Inc. United Enterprises is a non-profit Sheltered Workshop that employs 50 Individuals with different abilities. One of our programs is Document Destruction, and through the Solid Waste Grant opportunities, United Enterprises has been able to purchase Shredding Bins & Consoles for our growing program. Without the Solid Waste Grant, United Enterprises could not have financially supported the purchase of SEVERAL Shred Bins & Consoles shutting down the program and the jobs this program provides. Please consider what impact dissolving the Solid Waste Grants will have on businesses such as ours.



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WITNESS NAME: JANETTE SHOCKLEE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 6:08 PM
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Dear Representative Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I am a volunteer for this organization and can personally attest to the amount of fabric that is kept out of landfills. City Sewing Room provides donated fabric and supplies for sale at low prices. The funding received helps keep the City Sewing Room going. Many, many people benefit from the Sewing Room. There are classes, sewing space and equipment that can be used to teach all individuals sewing skills.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

THANK YOU!!



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WITNESS NAME: JANICE A AUGHEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 2:39 PM
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I am writing to strongly oppose HBW76Q. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organization like City Sewing Room and Leftovers, Etc. rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measureable impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees - not general tax dollars and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most needed.

I have seen first hand how these two organization have given people jobs, helped challenge adults and children with there programs. It is a great source for helping people with little funds to be able to get these resources that would have ended up in landfill,



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JARON COLEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JASMINE CRANE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 10:10 AM
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I personally have seen the amounts of food waste/scrap generated just in my household alone. The work being done to divert this waste from landfills, where it will sit and contribute nothing, to more resourceful and helpful practices, such as composting and redistribution, is VITAL to help keep our planet around for our lifetime.

Vote NO on HB2761 if you value giving Missourians the opportunity for a future for them and their families.



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WITNESS NAME: JASON WARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a representative of the City of Steelville I am against this bill. It is important for solid waste management districts to continue to provide local recycling opportunities, provide education to discourage illegal dumping and promote reuse and recycling.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JAY MURDOCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OWENS CORNING		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AFFAIRS	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: JOPLIN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64804
EMAIL: jay.murdoch@owenscorning.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 3:48 PM
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Owens Corning is a global manufacturer of insulation, roofing, and doors with a long standing Missouri presence, employing more than 380 people across our insulation facilities in Joplin and Sedalia.

We oppose HB 2761 because it threatens access to recycled glass, a critical raw material for fiberglass insulation manufacturing. A dependable glass recycling system is essential to keeping fiberglass insulation manufacturing competitive. Recycled glass supply disruptions increase our production costs and energy usage which can impact investments in our operations. To remain competitive and thriving, we need persistent access to quality recycled glass.

HB 2761 would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts and reduce reliable recycling program funding. These districts coordinate local recycling efforts, ensure efficient use of public dollars, and help maintain the steady flow of recyclable materials that manufacturers depend on. Removing them shifts the state from prevention to costly cleanup while weakening the recycling pipeline that supports Missouri industry. A stable recycling system also helps keep construction and housing costs affordable by ensuring predictable raw material supply and preventing price spikes in building products—including insulation used in new home construction and remodeling existing homes.

We urge lawmakers to preserve Missouri's solid waste districts and protect dedicated recycling funding. Doing so strengthens manufacturing competitiveness, supports local economies, and helps Missouri families by keeping building and housing costs in check.

Respectfully,

Jay Murdoch
Director of Industry Affairs
Owens Corning, Government Affairs



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WITNESS NAME: JAY S JOHNSTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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HB 2761 would eliminate a critical system that supports local recycling, waste reduction, and responsible disposal programs across the state. This bill will undermine waste management infrastructure and increase environmental and public health risks. We should not eliminates the Missouri Solid Waste Board within DNR. Without local-level districts or a state-level advisory board, I have grave concerns about what waste management oversight will look like. Please vote no to this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JAZZMYN CARTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Passage of this legislation would cause great harm! The current funding plans (1) keep recyclable and compostable materials out of landfills, (2) create local jobs in waste management and support local economies, and (3) deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. If this resolution passes, millions of tons of waste will go to landfills, adversely affecting the environment and local economies.



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WITNESS NAME: JB JANSKY-BINGEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Please do not strip funding from local waste management efforts! Missouri has so many beautiful native plants and animals trying to survive here. It is very important to me that my state works towards reducing landfill materials by educating people on recycling and reusing so we can protect the nature here, respect the state and be kind inhabitants to everything else living here. Please do not go backwards. It is sad enough that there's no more alley recycling, no public composting services. Don't you ever listen to the birds??



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WITNESS NAME: JEANNE GEARIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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My oncologist said it is likely my cancer was caused by environmental factors. It would be dangerous for all of us to reduce oversight of the harmful chemicals and pollutants that can be found in our waste. Please vote no on HB2761 for the health and safety of the citizens of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: JEN ROGERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA SCHAEFER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Banderman and Government Efficiency Committee members:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have seen the impact of earthday365's trash clean ups as a volunteer, and they have helped improve waste management systems at my place of employment. Their work, and that of similar organizations, is important to our community.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA STOEBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Hello!

I love and rely on local organizations like Bworks, Perennial, and City Sewing Room. That's why I'm writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room is always my first stop when I need fabric or notions, especially with other big box stores like Joann's closing down. I've also donated plenty of goods myself. I love knowing that I'm keeping things from being crammed into a waste pit somewhere. Instead they're being used as intended!

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Help St. Louisians help themselves! Oppose this bill! Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA WOODSIDE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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City sewing room is a wonderful resource that I use frequently both to purchase fabric kept from landfills and to donate items no longer needed.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER BRADFORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room in my neighborhood rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City sewing room has been an invaluable resource in helping me to ensure that the fabric, sewing notions and sewing machines that my mother amassed during a lifetime as a professional seamstress went on to new life as supplies for another sewist instead of taking up space - and breaking my heart - in a dumpster.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Representative Banderman,

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If this passes, millions of tons of additional waste will be going into landfills, which is horrible for the earth AND it removes these items from resale shops where not only does it keep the items out of landfills but it also makes purchasing them affordable for people on a limited income.

If the bill passes, there will be increased environmental and public health risks from all the items flooding landfills, even more that there is now.

If the bill passes, there will be setbacks for local economies. Resale shops not only provide items for purchase but they provide employment for people.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.



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Vote NO on HB2761



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER OWENS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-791-0269	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: UPCYCLE TREASURE BOX		TITLE: OWNER	
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CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63109
EMAIL: jenni@stlteachertradingpost.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 6:47 PM

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We have already dismantled the recycling program in the city please don't take away the other sources that can help up keep our landfill lower. Creative reuse centers need funding to help maintain their organization to help our landfills.



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I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing to strongly oppose this bill, which threatens to undermine the progress our community has made in environmental stewardship. Through thoughtful, localized oversight, our district has successfully utilized these funds to keep recyclable materials out of landfills, support vital environmental programs, and create local jobs. This system is working, and cutting this funding would hurt our community. I urge you to vote against this bill and allow us to continue this success



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MIDAMERICA CLEAN FUTURE		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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EMAIL: jenny@macfalliance.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 9:47 PM	
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My name is Jennifer Wendt, and I work with communities across Missouri and along the Mississippi River Corridor to better manage solid waste.

HB 2761 would eliminate the only dedicated funding stream that Missouri municipalities, especially our smallest rural towns, rely on to manage solid waste safely and affordably. This bill doesn't streamline government. It strips local governments of the tools they use every day to protect public health.

Solid Waste Management Districts work because local people make local decisions. County commissioners, mayors, public works staff, and community representatives sit at the table and decide which projects matter most in their region. That structure is not bureaucracy, it is accountability. It ensures that dollars go to the projects that solve real problems on the ground.

And the districts do far more than write checks. They provide hands on technical support to rural towns that often have no public works staff, no grant writers, and no access to private haulers. Without that support, many communities would lose the safe, affordable alternatives that keep people from resorting to dumping or burning trash. When those alternatives disappear, illegal dumping and open burning rise. Disposal costs rise. And small towns are left without the basic services they depend on.

It's also important to remember that recycling isn't just an environmental service, it's an economic one. Materials like aluminum, steel, and cardboard are valuable commodities. When communities have the infrastructure to collect and move these materials, they reduce disposal costs, and keep resources circulating in Missouri's economy instead of burying them in landfills. SWMD funding is often the only way small towns can afford the equipment and access points needed to capture these valuable resources. Without that support, those materials are lost, and the economic benefits are lost with them.

HB 2761 eliminates funding, eliminates expertise, and eliminates local control. It would leave Missouri's municipalities with fewer services, higher costs, and no regional partners to help them.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2761.

Thank you.



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I oppose this bill as it will strip several local organizations of funds that allow them to do the important work of keep waste out of our landfills.



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I strongly oppose HB 2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a huge impact diverting waste from landfills, educating our community about other possibilities for items typically considered waste, local job creation, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial, Home Sweet Home, Earthday365, and many more do SO MUCH with these funds to help Missourians keep trash out of our waste stream.

These funds come from the landfill user fees - not tax dollars - and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I teach reuse classes at Perennial, which are supported by these funds, and it is amazing to see how empowered participants become to mend their clothes or repair a chair instead of tossing it to the curb - all this from taking a creative class with this organization!

Please vote NO on HB2761 and keep landfill diversion funds under local control where they can be most impactful and are already proven to be effective and transparent.



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Recycling is helpful, and making it more difficult harms our communities.



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Dear Committee,

Please consider the ramifications of this bill. So much legislation coming out of Jefferson City is at the expense of the working people. I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Diversion Programs have helped many restaurants in our are reduce food waste that would normally go to landfills. This bill would reduce much needed funds that have helped our community.

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I am a resident of Nodaway County in northwest Missouri, and I strongly oppose of HB 2761 to eliminate solid waste management districts. This region has administered the solid waste programs since it was formed. Many school districts and businesses in our region have received grants to assist their schools and businesses to reduce, reuse, and recycle to eliminate the waste going into our waste stream. This program is also used to educate the citizens of all ages, in our region on how and why to recycle. This region has its own household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site to gather HHW and then disposed of it in the proper manner. Events are held annually to promote and educate the citizens on recycling as well as holding other types of collections for white goods and electronics. Composting programs are offered to educate the citizens on composing in their back yards for gardens and more. Using recyclable materials to improve parks and playgrounds and much more. By eliminating the solid waste districts in Missouri, the local control as well as jobs will be lost and recycling and waste diversion efforts across the state will suffer. With local control, each region works directly with sub applicants during their project to make sure all State rules and regulations are followed. Citizens are more content to work with local representatives instead of those at the State level. Region A has developed and maintained a rapport with their grant recipients throughout the years of administering the solid waste management district. Thank you!



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Organizations like the Botanical Garden, Perennial STL, and many of the other potentially affected locations are extremely important to the St. Louis community. I strongly oppose any legislation that would pull funding from these sites. Additionally, we need to be doing everything we can to keep waste out of landfills. Do not pull funding from sites that help our community.



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Dear Representatives,

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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I've worked in the corporate retail and fashion industry and can tell you that the City Sewing Room is an amazing organization that we are lucky to have in St. Louis and it would be a terrible loss for us if they no longer have the support to keep operating.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs in various capacities.

The existing system using landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who create jobs and opportunities and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. Nonprofits like Leftovers, Inc support a variety of groups like classroom teachers and Girl Scout volunteers providing programs and activities to thousands of MO children.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I work in St Louis City County and am a resident of St Louis County. The programs that would lose funding actively work to reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills.

I have spent countless hours perusing textiles and sewing notions that would have otherwise been thrown away. The City Sewing Room promotes important reuse of materials that already exist in the world, as well as teaching people important skills and building community.

As part of my job as a property maintenance manager in the Cherokee neighborhood, I am frequently in touch with Brightside, who works on addressing and removing graffiti with requests from the cities Citizens' Service Bureau. These requests are handled in a timely manner and allow the city to show its natural beauty versus being an eyesore.

B Works is another organization that my family has benefited from. My husband enjoys building bikes for family and friends and frequently shops at this store to source his builds. They also empower children to exercise both their mind and bodies by teaching maintenance and offering the chance to earn a free bike. These children may not ever encounter this opportunity again if not for B works.

These are just a few examples of programs the community not only uses, but relies on to be more self-sufficient, engage with one another and ultimately make this world a better place by not buying everything new. Please do not allow HB2761 to pass as it would exponentially increase the amount of waste going to our landfills.



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I care deeply about and have benefited from local orgs that would be materially harmed by this legislation. These funds should be kept at the local level with organizations that support their communities.



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I am writing to oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

These organizations and programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. For instance, City Sewing Room relies on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. It also provides enriching experiences to community members, in addition to its environmental benefits. The funds mentioned in this bill, come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effecti



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My name is Jessica Rolves and I am a science teacher in Albany. Our school district and several around us have benefitted from the grant opportunities through the solid waste management district. I applied on behalf of our district and received a grant that allowed us to purchase recycling bins for classrooms and common areas. This recycling program has greatly reduced the amount of waste that goes into the dumpster for the landfills each week. The programs through the district are important to small communities that are wanting to make improvements and changes to waste programs and infrastructure. Please vote no on HB 2761.



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Written Testimony in Opposition to HB 2761

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to this legislation.

If enacted, this bill would cause significant harm to local recycling systems, public education efforts, and regional economic stability. Most critically, it would eliminate District Grant programs that currently provide essential financial assistance to cities, counties, and nonprofit organizations working to develop new or improved solid waste reduction and recycling initiatives. These grants are not duplicative or wasteful; they are targeted, locally responsive tools that allow communities to address their specific waste management challenges efficiently and cost-effectively.

The bill would also remove local control from solid waste management decisions. Local districts are best positioned to understand regional needs, infrastructure limitations, and workforce impacts. Centralizing or eliminating this authority undermines years of locally driven planning and investment and replaces proven systems with uncertainty and disruption.

The consequences for the Ozark Foothills region would be especially severe. The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District would almost certainly force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center—the only recycling center serving a five-county area. This would eliminate access to recycling for thousands of residents and businesses, effectively setting the region back decades in waste reduction and environmental stewardship.

Beyond environmental impacts, this legislation would negatively affect jobs in the recycling and materials recovery sector. These are local jobs that cannot be easily replaced and that contribute directly to the regional economy. Closing the recycling center would also result in tax revenues leaving the area, as recyclable materials would either be landfilled or hauled long distances out of the region for processing—at greater cost to local governments and taxpayers.

In short, this bill dismantles functioning local systems without offering a viable alternative. It weakens recycling infrastructure, eliminates effective grant programs, reduces local decision-making authority, threatens jobs, and imposes long-term economic and environmental costs on our communities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Dear Representative Banderman and Government Efficiency Committee members:

I write in strong opposition to HB2761, which would remove local control of funds collected from fees paid by users of state landfills. These fees currently create a pool of grant funds awarded to local organizations and businesses for local projects which divert materials from the landfill while creating jobs for hard-working Missourians.

Keeping these funds locally controlled is a clever and efficient use of funds to support programs across Missouri that directly keep materials out of the landfill without adding the government bureaucracy which would be needed if the state ran those programs themselves. Instead, it supports economic growth and job creation for small businesses and nonprofits and provides concrete and measurable results.

How do I know? I serve as Executive Director for earthday365, a grant recipient from the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. My nonprofit provides jobs for 20 people in event waste management and helps restaurants improve their waste systems while saving money. We provide education to the public on reducing their food waste and recycling more effectively. Our impact in 2025, only calculating direct event and restaurant diversion, was 13,730,574.5 lbs which never entered the landfill due to our programs. Our impact was even higher including the millions of people who view our educational materials each year. We are just one of hundreds of programs supported by SWMD grants across the state - imagine the exponential chilling effect if these funds were removed, and the millions of tons that would come pouring into landfills across Missouri. Are we prepared for that?

HB2761 would undermine waste management infrastructure and increase environmental and health risks, while negatively impacting local economies. Please do everything in your power to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jess Watson
Executive Director
earthday365



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Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Personally, I love places that have missions like this. They have a great community feel and allow people to express themselves through art for a reasonable price, all while reducing waste! I have actively been seeking out similar places in several cities in the US, and I think they are a vital resource that would truly be missed.

Please vote NO on HB2761.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of St. Louis County and a board member of nonprofit earthday365.

I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 2761.

While we all share the goal of finding better uses for our waste, this bill attempts to fix a system that isn't broken by stripping authority from the local communities that know best how to manage it. I urge you to vote "No" for three key reasons:

1. Local Control is Essential for Local Problems

Reclassifying waste processing facilities as "manufacturing" creates a loophole that bypasses local zoning and solid waste planning. When a facility processes waste in our backyards, local citizens deserve a seat at the table to ensure it is safe and appropriate for their neighborhood. This bill creates a top-down mandate that silences local voices and handcuffs our ability to respond effectively to community concerns.

2. The Current System is Efficient—State Bureaucracy is Not

We do not need more state-level red tape to manage waste. Missouri's existing system, built around Solid Waste Management Districts (SWMDs), is a model of efficiency. It is funded by user fees—not general taxes—and decisions are made by local boards who understand the specific economic and logistical needs of their region. Centralizing this regulation at the state level under the guise of "manufacturing" removes the flexibility that has made our current system successful.

3. SWMDs are Already Creating Jobs and Results

The current Solid Waste Management District system is working, and I see the results firsthand. Through my leadership with earthday365, I have watched SWMD grants directly fund programs that divert tons of material from landfills while creating local green jobs.

Programs managed by earthday365 alone diverted 13.7 million pounds of waste in 2025, and have diverted over 13 million pounds annually for each of the last five years.

The Green Dining Alliance has used this local support to help over 100 local restaurants divert thousands of tons of food waste and recyclables.

These aren't hypothetical numbers; they represent real businesses and real employees in our district. HB 2761 threatens to undermine this proven, market-based success story by exempting "advanced recycling" facilities from the very system that supports it.

Please protect our right to manage our local resources and maintain the efficiency of the current system. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761.



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This bill would pull local control from funds that do a lot of positive work in our community. Local organizations are using these funds to keep things out of landfills in the first place and are seeing positive results from that. I have seen first hand the work that orgs like earthday365 do for our community and we don't need to hamstring them or orgs like them doing this good work. We don't need more bureaucratic nonsense—do not strip funding from the STL Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Do not pass HB2761.



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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

As a local artist, crafter, and concerned citizen, there are a host of businesses in St Louis that are unique in their outreach and work and what make our city interesting.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I regularly shop at City Sewing Room and other similar stores that give me the opportunity to use items that would otherwise be put in a landfill. My art group creates beautiful art quilts with these items.

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I am a dedicated recycler, with a reduce - reuse - recycle mindset.

Please do not approve HB2761 especially in regards to Grant Funding being approved by DNR vs. at the City and County levels.

Although I live in STL County, I have both purchased and donated to several agencies including the City Sewing Room and Perennial. The work of the MO Botanical Garden is unprecedented and as a home gardener, I use Plant Finder often! Grant money should be approved at the local level by people using these services, not the state level.

Thank you for your time.

Jody Kouzes



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WITNESS NAME: JOE JOVANOVI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of the City of St. Louis, a board member of the nonprofit Earthday 365, and I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 2761.

While we all share the goal of finding better uses for our waste, this bill attempts to fix a system that isn't broken by stripping authority from the local communities that know best how to manage it. I urge you to vote "No" for three key reasons:

1. Local Control is Essential for Local Problems

Reclassifying waste processing facilities as "manufacturing" creates a loophole that bypasses local zoning and solid waste planning. When a facility processes waste in our backyards, local citizens deserve a seat at the table to ensure it is safe and appropriate for their neighborhood. This bill creates a top-down mandate that silences local voices and handcuffs our ability to respond effectively to community concerns.

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3. SWMDs are Already Creating Jobs and Results The current Solid Waste Management District system is working, and I see the results firsthand. Through my leadership with earthday365, I have watched SWMD grants directly fund programs that divert tons of material from landfills while creating local green jobs.

? Programs managed by earthday365 alone diverted 13.7 million pounds of waste in 2025, and have diverted over 13 million pounds annually for each of the last five years.

? The Green Dining Alliance has used this local support to help over 100 local restaurants divert thousands of tons of food waste and recyclables.

These aren't hypothetical numbers; they represent real businesses and real employees in our district. HB 2761 threatens to undermine this proven, market-based success story by exempting "advanced recycling" facilities from the very system that supports it.

Please protect our right to manage our local resources and maintain the efficiency of the current system. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761.

Thank you for your time,



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Dear Committee Members

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

These programs provide a valuable service to Missouri, and I have greatly benefited from them.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing in strong opposition to HB2761. The current funding for solid waste management programs is incredibly beneficial not only for keeping materials out of landfills, but also for making our communities stronger. Organizations that receive this funding, such as Perennial, City Sewing Room, and Earthday365, are highly involved in the local community while also being very effective at keeping millions of pounds of waste out of our landfills. I have directly benefitted from these programs and would be very upset to see them go. I also appreciate that the current funding comes from landfill user fees, not from general tax dollars.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN CLINE		PHONE NUMBER: 314-329-7301	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NEW EARTH FARM		TITLE: OWNER/OPERATIONS MANAGER	
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To Representative Banderman and Government Efficiency Committee members,

As a small business owner I strongly oppose HB276. This bill would remove local control of the funds collected from fees paid by users of state landfills. Under the current system, these fees create a pool of grant funds which are awarded to local organizations and businesses for local projects which divert materials from the landfill.

This is a clever and efficient use of funds to support programs across Missouri that directly keep materials out of the landfill without adding the government bureaucracy which would be needed if the state ran those programs themselves. Instead, it supports economic growth and job creation for small businesses and nonprofits and provides concrete and measurable results.

I write to you as the Business Owner of New Earth Farm, a St. Louis-based community composter. Our work, which has been supported by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District grants, makes composting accessible to over one thousand households, restaurants, schools, offices, and community groups, provides environmental and compost education to the region, and employs eight people. In less than six years, our work has prevented more than one thousand tons, or (to date) 2,076,138 pounds, of food waste and other organics from entering landfills. Instead, that material is made into nutrient rich compost which is added back to local soils.

HB2761 would undermine waste management infrastructure and increase environmental and health risks, while negatively impacting local economies. Please vote NO on HB2761 and do everything in your power to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

John Cline



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The Jefferson Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) provides many important resources for my family and my community. For example, the SWMD has supported the Ripple Glass recycling container in my city, and local residents are recycling lots of glass. That means fewer broken bottles on the street, fewer flat tires, fewer injured children. The bottles are then melted and re-used by local bottling businesses. The Missouri DNR does not have the resources and reach that the Solid Waste Management District does. Another example: I have used SWMD funded events to recycle household electronics. The copper and steel is then recycled by local businesses. In my role on the City of Webster Groves Sustainability Commission, I have met with local SWMD staff to identify ways to reduce waste and make our community healthier. I urge this Committee to oppose this bill. The current division of labor between the DNR and the SWMDs is working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs. The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient. Small businesses like New Earth Farm (which provides jobs to multiple people, including my roommate) rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. Small businesses are the backbone of Missouri's economy.

Please vote no HB2761!



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room and more, rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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This program provides grant funding for local recycling companies. Not just the city ran programs, but for profit recycling businesses that provide hundreds of jobs. New trucks, equipment to further process materials, landfill diversion equipment. A much needed program.



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Vote NO on HB2761. Zip code: 63119



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Community organizations like earthday365, which I started as a volunteer for and now am employed by, rely on these funds to divert 13,000,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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I am strongly opposed HB2761. This bill would be prohibitive to the funding of locally managed solid waste programs. Programs that have helped reduce landfill waste, supported local jobs and communities, and delivered real environmental benefits.

I am a supporter of one such local organization, City Sewing Room, which has helped me purchase affordable, second-hand materials that I have used for art; material that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill without their shop. I worry that this bill would make the cost to operate such non for profit organizations such as City Sewing Room too prohibitive, which would have direct negative impacts on the environment.



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January 26, 2026

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joshua Brown. I am a resident of St. Louis, a community advisor for St. Louis City on our climate and sustainability plan, and the President of the Young Friends board for earthday365.

I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 2761.

While we all share the goal of finding better uses for our waste, this bill attempts to fix a system that isn't broken by stripping authority from the local communities that know best how to manage it. I urge you to vote "No" for three key reasons:

1. Local Control is Essential for Local Problems

Reclassifying waste processing facilities as "manufacturing" creates a loophole that bypasses local zoning and solid waste planning. When a facility processes waste in our backyards, local citizens deserve a seat at the table to ensure it is safe and appropriate for their neighborhood. This bill creates a top-down mandate that silences local voices and handcuffs our ability to respond effectively to community concerns.

2. The Current System is Efficient—State Bureaucracy is Not We do not need more state-level red tape to manage waste. Missouri's existing system, built around Solid Waste Management Districts (SWMDs), is a model of efficiency. It is funded by user fees—not general taxes—and decisions are made by local boards who understand the specific economic and logistical needs of their region. Centralizing this regulation at the state level under the guise of "manufacturing" removes the flexibility that has made our current system successful.

3. SWMDs are Already Creating Jobs and Results The current Solid Waste Management District system is working, and I see the results firsthand. Through my leadership with earthday365 and the Green Dining Alliance, I have watched SWMD grants directly fund programs that divert tons of material from landfills while creating local green jobs.

Programs managed by earthday365 alone diverted 13.7 million pounds of waste in 2025, and have diverted over 13 million pounds annually for each of the last five years.

The Green Dining Alliance has used this local support to help over 100 local restaurants divert thousands of tons of food waste and recyclables.

These aren't hypothetical numbers; they represent real businesses and real employees in our district. HB 2761 threatens to undermine this proven, market-based success story by exempting "advanced recycling" facilities from the very system that supports it.

Please protect our right to manage our local resources and maintain the efficiency of the current system. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761.

Thank you for your time,

Joshua D. Brown
4629 McCausland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63109

Community Advisory Council Member - St Louis City Climate & Sustainability Plan
President- Young Friends of earthday365
Vice President - CalConscious - Caleres Inc.



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I am a proud supporter of small businesses like New Earth Farm that rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: JOYCE GORRELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Written Testimony in Opposition of HB 2761 Government Efficiency Committee
January 26, 2026

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joyce Gorrell. I am a lifelong resident of St. Louis City and volunteer my personal time with several waste reduction/recycling, climate, and sustainability focused organizations and currently serve as board President of local nonprofit earthday365.

I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 2761.

While we all share the goal of finding better uses for our waste, this bill attempts to fix a system that isn't broken by stripping authority from the local communities that know best how to manage it. I urge you to vote "No" for three key reasons:

1. Local Control is Essential for Local Problems Reclassifying waste processing facilities as "manufacturing" creates a loophole that bypasses local zoning and solid waste planning. When a facility processes waste in our backyards, local citizens deserve a seat at the table to ensure it is safe and appropriate for their neighborhood. This bill creates a top-down mandate that silences local voices and handcuffs our ability to respond effectively to community concerns.

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3. SWMDs are already creating jobs and results. The current Solid Waste Management District system is working, and I see the results firsthand. Through my personal volunteer role with earthday365, I have watched SWMD grants directly fund programs that divert tons of material from landfills while creating local green jobs.

- Programs managed by earthday365 alone diverted 13.7 million pounds of waste in 2025, and have diverted over 13 million pounds annually for each of the last five years.
- Their Green Dining Alliance program – one of a kind in the region - has used this local support to help over 100 local restaurants divert thousands of tons of food waste and recyclables from

landfills – while helping restaurants save money.

- Good for people: Earthday365 provides jobs and professional development for 20 people in event waste management. Millions of people view timely educational materials, produced by this team, each year in addition to many positive in-person interactions. They are a beloved and appreciated community resource.

These aren't hypothetical numbers; they represent real businesses and real employees in our district. HB 2761 threatens to undermine this proven, market-based success story by exempting "advanced recycling" facilities from the very system that supports it. earthday365 and many other stellar organizations working hard and improving waste management in our region would be dramatically and negatively affected.

Please protect our right to manage our local resources and maintain the efficiency of the current system. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761.

Thank you for your time,

Joyce Gorrell
City of St. Louis Resident



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Vote NO on HB2761.
Judy Hansen
1968 Rieth Terrace
Kirkwood, MO 63122



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I seriously want to keep the recycling trailer in my area. It cuts down on waste which would end up in landfills and possibly the oceans. Please keep it here and so it doesn't it cut jobs. Thank you.



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I write to you as a disabled and retired former employee of the State of Missouri. As a former employee, I understand that our state government often seeks to find budget cuts that may seem helpful to the state but are, in fact, quite detrimental to citizens and, often, to our delicate ecosystems.

Because of my knowledge of our ecosystems as a retired employee of Missouri State Parks, I beg you to please vote against HB2761. One of the organizations that would be affected is the St. Louis City Sewing Room, a community center where members can learn to sew, teach others, and—most importantly—recycle sewing supplies. In an average week, the City Sewing Room recycles 2,600 pounds of sewing supplies, keeping those materials out of landfills. I ask you to consider the ramifications of returning a typical yearly total of seven tons of products to landfills.

Without the funding granted to the Sewing Room, it will not be able to continue operations, and seven tons of landfill mass will be added annually. In addition to the ecological impact, the loss of funding would remove an important community gathering place—a space where people from all walks of life come together to teach, to learn, and to share the joy of creating amazing things at very low cost.

As a disabled person, I utilize the Sewing Room weekly as an opportunity to leave my home, socialize, and be part of a community. Many others rely on this space for similar reasons, including retirees, widowed homemakers, and other marginalized but rarely acknowledged groups. This is in addition to the low-income individuals, students, and people on Social Security incomes who love and support the Sewing Room.

As a disabled retiree, I humbly request that you help us keep this community of sewists alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Julia Slama



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What a surprise, the MO GOP has done zero research just written another bill the harms my community. What a waste of tax dollars!

I strongly oppose this bill that would strip funding for a demonstrably positive program. It's preventing things from ending up in landfills and creating jobs.

City Sewing room in conjunction with other orgs that support this, divert 2,600 pounds of waste from landfills WEEKLY. That's a giant benefit without increasing gov bureaucracy. They do so by using landfill fees rather than tax dollars. There is virtually no downside here.

Kindly start doing at least a quick google search prior to penning a bill. FOR SHAME.



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Please do not move these funds away from the community non profits that use them and need the in order to keep more trash out of our landfills. This bill does nothing more than shuffle money and hurt non profits.



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Dear Representative Boyko,

I just submitted this message, but noticed that the email I provided in the form had a typo in it and therefore probably won't be accepted. My apologies as I re-submit my comments. This issue is important enough to me to fix my mistake and send again:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room and Leftovers Etc. rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of usable material from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested **LOCALLY** where they are most effective.

I make donations of volunteered time and also materials to City Sewing Room, and donations of materials to Leftovers, Etc., so this issue is extremely important to me. I will be watching how you vote on this one.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Tucker
314-562-4087
julie82quilts@gmail.com



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Dear Committee,

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB2761.

For several years, I worked closely with small, locally run organizations such as the Sustainable Backyard Network and Earthday 365. These were not abstract policy experiments or grant-driven bureaucracies. They were practical, community-based efforts run by people who understood their own towns, their own waste streams, and their own constraints. They reduced landfill use, supported local employment, and helped communities solve problems without waiting for direction or rescue from the state.

HB2761 would dismantle solid waste programs that are already functioning efficiently and responsibly. These programs do real work. They keep material out of landfills, lower long-term costs, and allow communities to manage their own resources without expanding government or creating new layers of administration. Eliminating them does not shrink government in any meaningful way. It simply moves decision-making farther away from the people doing the work.

It is also important to be clear about how these programs are funded. They rely on landfill user fees, not general tax revenue. These are fees paid by locals who use the system, with the understanding that the money will be reinvested locally to manage waste more effectively. Redirecting or eliminating these funds breaks that understanding and weakens transparency and accountability. It also violates a basic principle of sound governance: local problems are best addressed at the local level by people who have to live with the results. Big Government is not the answer to local issues.

Missouri does not need more centralized control, and it does not benefit from stripping communities of tools that allow them to stand on their own feet. HB2761 moves authority upward while offering no practical improvement in efficiency, cost, or outcomes.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and to support policies that favor local control, personal responsibility, and solutions that work in practice rather than on paper.

Sincerely,
Justin Kussman, an active independent voter and small business owner.



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Dear Representative Burton,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits to our state. Organizations like earthday365 and many others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. these funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I personally have thoroughly enjoyed Perennial's classes and store offerings and love that the city of St. Louis has so many organizations that prioritize reuse and education in a world that does not. Removing funding from these organizations would be a terrible loss for our community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KALEY NIETERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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SWMD helped us divert tons of plastic and metal items from the landfill and is one of the very few grants that actually funds labor and creates jobs



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WITNESS NAME: KARA STRODER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This cannot pass! We need waste management and to keep waste out of our landfills. More than that places like perennial offer so much education, resources and skills to the community helping so many women and families. Bworks is an essential part of the community that gets kids off the street, learning skills that can become jobs and getting kids on bikes that could not have an opportunity otherwise.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KARA SULLIVAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-706-0687	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FLAVOR 360		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 5001 SHERBORNE DR.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63128
EMAIL: Kara@flavor360.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 12:03 PM

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As small business owner, we participate in many of the programs that earthday 365 is able to provide to our community through this funding. As a food business, we are committed to reducing landfill waste. With the guidance and support of Earthday 365, we are able to compost all of our food scraps, have a robust and ongoing effort ensuring we are recycling properly and engage our customers who are also passionate about diverting waste from landfills.

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WITNESS NAME: KARALYN SKINNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB 2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial and earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste out of the landfill each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

As an employee of Perennial, I've seen firsthand how impactful these funds are on finding creative ways to divert waste and protect our environment. Our mission has been crucially supported by these funds for over 10 years.

Please vote NO on HB 2761 and support keeping landfill diversion under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The funding that SWMD uses to fund local efforts to reduce solid waste is critical to moving our region toward a more sustainable future. The waste reduction they have achieved has saved money from having to have landfill space and helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. The agencies supported by this funding are effective at keeping millions of pounds of garbage from landfills each year. They also support Missouri's economy with effective recycling and composting systems. The dollars that support them are not general tax dollars and by reinvesting locally, the impact is economically positive in addition to being environmentally positive.

I am happy to be someone who recycles and tries to treat my community well. Please vote NO on HB2761. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: KARL MITCHELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please continue with the funding to help minimize the materials unnecessarily filling up our landfills.



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WITNESS NAME: KARLY NELSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:38 AM
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Dear Representative Nick Kimble,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have learned invaluable skills at City Sewing Room classes, been able to get affordable fabric, donate fabric instead of throwing it away, and have access to affordable services like their quilting machine. This has enabled me to continue to pursue the art of sewing. Promoting traditional crafts like this is important for our culture, and for creating a culture of mending and repairing instead of just throwing away. Voting NO on this bill keeps organizations like this doing invaluable work funded, while also helping the environment.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KASEY FOWLER-FINN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This would defund other programs that play a critical role in vitalizing our neighborhoods.



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WITNESS NAME: KATELYN PIKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This grant creates jobs.			



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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am in opposition of this bill which would cause significant environmental harm by defunding the valuable sustainable efforts of many local non profits who educate and lead in improving the environmental health in this state by diverting solid waste that would otherwise end up in landfills. Organizations like City Sewing Room and Perennial save tens of thousands of solid waste from hitting land fills. Considering the high number of Superfund sites and significant environmental risks and verified harmful waste in Metro St Louis, we need that organizations funded.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE EDGAR OWEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I oppose this bill because I believe in the value these funds provide in diverting waste to landfills and providing economic value to our city. Organizations like city sewing room are vital to our community and to keeping waste out of landfills. — as
Someone who pays landfill fees I believe in those funds going to serve important waste management practices.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE LOCHNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would destroy so many positive impacts to the community. Not only do organizations like the City Sewing Room and Perennial STL teach skills that are being forgotten by so many modern institutions, they also create a free and positive environment for multigenerational groups to connect and collaborate. This bill would severely impact these nonprofit organizations and the positive impact to the actual citizens of St Louis would be minimized if not completely destroyed. Please don't vote for this bill and hamstringing those trying to build safe, educated, and connected communities.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE SAMMONS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

With the loss of JoAnn's, City Sewing Room provides a reasonable resource for sewing related supplies. I also am very uncomfortable "trashing" fabric and sewing supplies I no longer need/want. By donating to City Sewing Room I am providing a resource to others while keeping fabric and such out of a landfill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Representative Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. I am a resident in St. Louis City, and for me it is our local grant-funded organizations that have made the most holistic impact on waste diversion in my community through education and engagement with citizens, businesses, and government.

Organizations like Earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Furthermore, without local infrastructure, I am concerned about the ability of our state to maintain safe waste disposal for our communities.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you,
Katie Brown



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WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN DOLSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to **STRONGLY** oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to divert 13,000,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN KLIMUT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Appelbaum,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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Dear Representative Bosley,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. STL City has already stopped recycling pickup. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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Dear Representative Mackey,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN WHITE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 11:02 AM
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Hello

I am a retired educator and gardener. I am opposed to HB2761 because it will eliminate and change the Solid Waste Districts ability to educate our communities about how to remove food waste & organic materials and recyclables from the waste stream to landfills and provide a place for home hazardous waste. This will negatively impact the health of our communities and the beautiful Missouri environment.

Currently, Solid Waste Management Districts provide education and services that support recycling and composting.

Composting:

Food waste is more than 20% of what is in landfills. In the plastic bags we commonly use for trash, the food waste breaks down anaerobically producing lots of methane gas. In fact according to EPA, it is almost 60% of methane attributed to landfills. Maybe you have seen the pipes that have the eternal flame burning off that gas at a landfill?

Methane is a more dangerous gas than CO-2 when it comes to pollution. Food waste and organic materials in the landfills contribute to air pollution which affects all of our citizens.

In the home, food waste and organic materials in waste bins creates a welcoming environment for germs and bugs that are not healthy for humans. Also, food waste can contaminate recyclable materials. Keeping food waste and organic materials out of the home trash bins can keep our homes healthier.

Composting takes 100% of the organic material and creates a healthy soil amendment. Citizens of Missouri deserve to know how to compost in a safe and healthy way or know where they can take compostable materials.

Recycling:

We know that recycling helps! It reduces waste and provides raw materials. All glass, metal, and oils are recyclable with very little loss of material. Paper goods are recyclable. If paper goods are contaminated with food waste, they can be composted! Home Hazardous waste is a major improvement for the health of our communities. Solid Waste Management Districts provide Home Hazardous Waste sites to safely dispose of these items. If the Solid Waste Management Districts are eliminated or funding is reduced, how will our communities know what is recyclable? How will Missourians know where to take their recyclables? What will they do with their hazardous waste materials?

I am VERY CONCERNED that with out the guidance of our Solid Waste Management Districts, Missourians will return to a lifestyle of dumping hazardous waste in the environment and fill the landfills with materials that could be reused or composted.

Please vote against HB2761.

Katy White
Missouri Citizen



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KATIE CARPENTER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-832-2288	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PERENNIAL		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 4015 WINNEBAGO ST			
CITY: ST LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63118
EMAIL: katherina.carpenter@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 3:09 PM
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations rely on these funds to divert 13,000,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have seen first hand how our solid waste management district has responded to constituent feedback to fund the types of education and diversion projects that truly change the way people think about waste. Our organization has helped the region reduce their environmental impact by building trust and relationships and empowering neighbors with tangible skills and information. Without the Solid Waste Management District we would be forced to limit programs and eliminate jobs.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KATIE KLINE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 6:22 AM
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Please keep the Solid Waste Management Districts. They provide really important services in my community. I rely on the services that MARC's Solid Waste district has provided. I'm currently moving within my county and have used Recycle Spot to help sort through items so that I can keep items out of the landfill. Recycling, reusing, and composting efforts have been robust in Kansas City only because of the work that the Solid Waste Management District has done. We need to continue to support jobs in the sustainability field rather than divert items and jobs to landfills only.



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WITNESS NAME: KATIE O'ROURKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: KATRINA WIEGAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 6:38 PM
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Dear to those whom are making the decision.

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KATRINA WOLFE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 9:54 AM
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I am against the passing of this bill. We need companies that are making the planet and it less polluted.the waste programs in Missouri benefit the air and water quality locally. We do not wish to have polluted water.



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WITNESS NAME: KAYLA ALFONSO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:25 AM
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I happened to see news about this bill shared by City Sewing Room, where I am headed to today to buy a big stock of yarn. Using donated materials makes me feel better about creating more crap that will exist in the world. And how can anyone make art or live life without making more crap to exist in the world?

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KAYLA WIEDAU		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 10:39 AM
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I am opposed to this bill. Grants for diversion of usable waste should continue. I travel to Saint Louis frequently to see family and love to stop at places like the city sewing room when I am in town. Places that give other peoples' waste new life and prevent ok materials from going to waste should be recording more funding, not less. These programs are very needed and serve the community. Please do not take away this funding.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KAYLANN LORAINE		PHONE NUMBER: 417-622-6711	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ECOSAVVY INSIGHTS		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 147 GUM ROAD			
CITY: CARL JUNCTION		STATE: MO	ZIP: 68434
EMAIL: kaylannloraine@ecosavvyinsights.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 8:17 PM
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As a Jasper County resident and the Executive Director of EcoSavvy Insights, a local nonprofit supporting community driven waste reduction, I am deeply concerned about House Bill 2761. Eliminating Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and centralizing all authority under the Department of Natural Resources would remove local decision making, regional expertise, and community accountability, recycling efforts and public education opportunities that districts like Region M provide. Our region faces unique challenges related to rural access, legacy mining impacts, illegal dumping, and landfill related concerns that are best addressed through locally informed programs and partnerships, who understand the needs of the community. While increased tipping fees may generate additional revenue, there is no assurance those funds would be reinvested back into the communities where they are collected. Residents throughout Barton, Jasper, McDonald, Newton and Vernon counties, would lose their jobs. The impact would be felt by the individual as well as the local landfill. I urge lawmakers to preserve Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts and maintain a system that values local input, transparency, and community driven solutions.



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WITNESS NAME: KAYLENE PORTELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 4:40 PM
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient. We don't have consistent avenues for composting and recycling in the city or state, so these organizations are stepping up.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I know I am grateful to have their services available in my area so I can do my part in diverting food waste.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLEY GREEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLI HILTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Our Stanberry R-II School District, students, and community have been greatly impacted by the support from our local Solid Waste District and strongly oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLI RAE BAKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLIE HELMICK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761.

This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars— and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLY CHAMBERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Committee Member,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 and city sewing room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste and textiles from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have benefitted from funding of the city sewing room where I am able to repurpose textiles and keep them out of the landfill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLY DERVARICS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to oppose HB 2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Perennial rely on these funds for educational programming. As a member and volunteer for Perennial the reuse programs they create through these grant funds are very impactful to communities across the St. Louis region. Please vote NO on HB 2761.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: KELSEY GALICIA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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WITNESS NAME: KELSEY PETRANY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:59 AM
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like Missouri Botanical Gardens, City Sewing Room, and Perennial rely on these funds to divert thousands pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. I personally have financially supported and benefited from these organizations and want to see their continued growth in the good work they are doing for our city and state. Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KEN GOLDMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-607-3540	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS BICYCLE WORKS		TITLE: BOARD MEMBER	
ADDRESS: 105 GRAYBRIDGE RD			
CITY: ST LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63124
EMAIL: kgoldman27@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 2:49 PM

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The St Louis Bicycle works is a phenomenal Not-for-Profit who has been the recipient of funds from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. It feels wrong to take the responsibility for the funding these grants from the local level to the state level. The funds we receive allow us to hire staff that will rebuild old bicycles and give them to kids in st louis who would otherwise never have a chance to own a bike. This year we gave away over 600 bicycles. We have a similar program for desk top computers. Please vote against HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: KENDLE LUKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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All of our plastic, aluminum, and tin recycling initiatives and our new composting program have been funded through our Solid Waste District. Not only are we educating our kids on saving our planet, but, through their grants, we have been able to get picnic tables, benches, and weights for the weight room made from recycled materials. They are such an asset to our community!



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WITNESS NAME: KERRY CAVERLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room, Perennial, and MO Botanical Garden rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

As a crafter and quilter, I donate fabric and other materials to these organizations where they in turn can sell it at a nominal cost to other crafters. This keeps me from disposing of these materials in my trash.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working!



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WITNESS NAME: KESEY ARNOLD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

My husband and I live in south city St. Louis (6311) and utilize services from New Earth Farm to compost and recycle as the city no longer offers accessible recycling services. New Earth Farm like many other orgs rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. This is important work to creating a thriving and healthy environment in our city and state. If the state is not able to provide these services effectively, at least keep supporting the organizations who know how to divert waste well.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I firmly believe that locally managed solid waste programs are critical to reducing landfills, supports recycling, creates local jobs...and delivers real environmental benefits.



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I strongly **OPPOSE** HB 2761, which is scheduled for review this week in the House Committee on Government Efficiency. I also strongly **SUPPORT** Missouri's current Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) structure, which this bill proposes to eliminate.

Home Sweet Home, a nonprofit furniture bank serving the St. Louis region, has received vital funding from the St. Louis–Jefferson SWMD for the past five years. This funding supports operations that divert more than 700 tons of material annually from regional landfills.

Beyond environmental impact, Home Sweet Home partners with more than 50 social service agencies to help individuals and families exiting homelessness or crisis furnish stable, dignified homes. SWMD funding directly supports the staff and trucks needed to collect donated furniture from local homes and businesses and deliver it to families in need.

If funding currently designated for local solid waste management districts is diverted to a statewide agency, Home Sweet Home—and many other effective local organizations—will be placed at significant risk.

For these reasons, I urge you to **PLEASE OPPOSE** HB 2761.



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Over and over Missouri lawmakers fail to act on the popular interest of its constituents. The passing of this bill is wildly unpopular and will defund crucial organizations doing positive work not only for the environment, but for their communities. Do not pass this bill.



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I'm attending online. I support raising the tipping fees, but I oppose dissolving the Solid Waste Management Districts. The Districts are local; this bill would eliminate them and move all budgets to the state. I support raising the tipping fees and keeping the 39%/69% budget split. I also support adding the protections of a buyer of a parcel of land.



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This bill would remove funding from the St Louis Jefferson Waste Management District - these funds are not from general taxpayers - they are fees paid by landfill users. The point of the funds is to re-invest in the community to keep waste out of the landfills, so we have to use less of our land on holding waste.

These funds currently support local small businesses, such as those found here:
<https://www.swmd.net/grant-program/grantees/> These organizations are an integral part of my community.

I go to Perennial to learn how to sew and woodwork. I go to the Missouri Botanical Garden to get fresh air and learn how to take care of my vegetable garden. Ripple Glass is down the street from me. Brightside is on my street. My community garden is part of Gateway Greening - Seed St Louis. I get my mulch from Fisk Supply Service. I take unusable fabric to Remains.

Oppose this bill, and keep investing these funds in our community.



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Can we add a clause that keeps the existing proportion of budget that is reserved for the grants, the same as it is currently? Otherwise, the proposed bill allows for this budget to be shrunk, with no minimum.

In addition, currently with multiple solid waste management districts, it ensures that the budget is spread fairly across the state. There is no method in the proposed bill to ensure a fair distribution of funds and resources across the state.

It is unclear from the bill or testimony how much of the tipping fees are currently being used to administer districts, and thus how much efficiency would be gained.



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I am writing to strongly oppose this bill.

These funds deserve to stay in Missouri where they support local economies and greatly reduce landfill intake. As a frequenter of several of the nonprofits this bill would hurt, I have been able to utilize countless resources and re-use materials that would have otherwise added to the tons of garbage our municipal departments already have to deal with.

I hope that you consider my statement and vote NO on HB 2761



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To: Chairwoman Wendy Hausman and Members of the Government Efficiency Committee,

My name is Kirra Antrobus, and I am a resident of Webb City. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2761. My perspective is built on nearly a decade of professional and volunteer experience in Missouri's recycling and waste management sector. Between 2017 and 2022, I worked in management and accounting for a private recycling company. Today, I serve as a volunteer board member for Region M, representing the cities of Jasper County, and sit on the grant review committee.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

Impact on efficiency and modernization: In my previous role, I saw that while the private sector works hard to remain viable, these grants are an important mechanism that allows for equipment upgrades and process improvements. Without this support, many advancements that make our local recycling systems efficient and effective would simply not be financially reasonable to implement.

Risk to regional infrastructure: While the private sector uses these grants to improve efficiency, our municipal recycling centers, like the one in Joplin, depend on them for their basic operations. These centers are consistently busy and are a staple for the citizens of Jasper County, the other four counties in Region M (Barton, McDonald, Newton, and Vernon) and communities across the state. Losing Region M funding would be a direct blow to these public services, reducing services in some communities and resulting in closure of these facilities in smaller communities, ultimately resulting in significantly more waste being diverted back into our landfills.

Job preservation: The recycling industry in southwest Missouri is a vital employer. I see firsthand how these grants sustain local jobs and provide a measurable service by diverting waste from our landfills.

Responsible management of user fees: The Solid Waste Management Fund is not a general tax; it is funded by tipping fees paid by the residents and businesses that use our landfills. I believe there is a fundamental responsibility to ensure these user-generated fees are reinvested into the communities where they are collected. Reverting these funds to a centralized state agency breaks that link of accountability to the local people who pay into the system.

Operational efficiency through local oversight: Our current regional structure allows for a level of responsiveness that a state agency in Jefferson City simply cannot match. Local oversight ensures that these fees are used for lean, effective programs adapted to the specific needs of southwest

Missouri. Shifting this to the state level adds unnecessary layers of bureaucracy to a system that is currently working well.

I urge the committee to vote AGAINST HB 2761 to protect the local accountability and fiscal efficiencies that our southwest Missouri communities have worked so hard to build.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Respectfully,
Kirra Antrobus, Webb City, MO**



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I stand in firm opposition to this bill, which is a profound attack on Missouri's environmental governance and public health under the guise of "streamlining."

This legislation is a corporate giveaway masquerading as reform. By redefining toxic chemical processes like pyrolysis and gasification as "advanced recycling" and excluding them from solid waste regulation, the bill creates a dangerous loophole. It allows polluting facilities, often sited in low-income and communities of color, to operate with fewer safeguards, turning plastic waste into air and water pollution while claiming it's mere manufacturing. This is environmental injustice, not innovation.

Furthermore, the bill dismantles our local, democratic solid waste management districts, centralizing authority in a state department historically prone to underfunding and regulatory capture. These districts are essential for community-tailored recycling, waste reduction, and illegal dump cleanup. Defunding and dissolving them will kill local green jobs, cripple recycling programs, and abandon our neighborhoods to increased litter and dumping.

The increased fee on landfills is a regressive tax that will burden municipalities and residents, while the bill simultaneously slashes the dedicated funding that should support recycling and waste reduction programs back in our communities.

This bill prioritizes the profits of the waste and chemical industries over the health of our people and planet. It undermines environmental justice, local control, and real sustainability. I urge you to reject H.B. 2761 and instead support policies that genuinely reduce waste, strengthen community-led recycling, and hold polluters accountable.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have personally enjoyed having B-Works to take an old bike to, as well as gently used craft supplies to Perennial and City Sewing Room and home goods to Home Sweet Home. Perennial also hosts a seasonal clothing swap I often donate to as well. I know this way, my items will wind up seeing some use still instead of going into the trash that way. I have plans to take some of the classes Perennial and City Sewing Room provide this year to learn new skills and have a few friends who utilize and love these classes as well. These classes are often selling out because of how popular they are. My family enjoys gathering up any old electronics and taking them to the seasonal electronics recycling events at Brightside STL. There's always such a crowd at these events as well.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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My name is Kristen Dorman, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the City of Pleasant Hill in opposition to House Bill 2761.

Pleasant Hill is a small but growing community, and we rely heavily on regional partnerships to provide services efficiently for our residents. One of those partnerships is our participation in the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.

Through this district, Pleasant Hill residents have access to services we could not realistically provide on our own. One example is the Household Hazardous Waste collection program. These events give residents a safe, responsible way to dispose of toxic materials like paint and chemicals. Without the district, these services would either disappear or become much more expensive for us to provide with our limited staff.

The Solid Waste Management District model helps ensure our needs, and the needs of the region, are met. Small cities like Pleasant Hill have a seat at the table and a voice in how programs are designed, while the district allows communities to work together, share resources, and avoid duplicating services. This regional approach is practical, cost-effective, and responsive to local needs.

If HB 2761 were to eliminate solid waste management districts, cities and counties would be left to manage these responsibilities alone. For communities our size, that task is not feasible to manage on our own. Eliminating these districts would also move decision-making farther away from the communities most directly affected.

For these reasons, the City of Pleasant Hill respectfully urges the committee to oppose HB 2761 and to preserve Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of the local impact this bill would have on communities like ours.



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Our local Solid Waste Management District has been instrumental in funding critical environmental education programs at our school, including plastic, aluminum, and tin recycling initiatives, as well as our new composting program. These programs do more than teach our students about environmental stewardship—they provide tangible benefits to our community. Through grants from the District, we've been able to acquire picnic tables, benches, and weight room equipment made from recycled materials, demonstrating to our students the real-world impact of sustainable practices. This bill would undermine an organization that serves as a vital asset to our community, both educationally and practically. I urge you to oppose this legislation and continue supporting our local Solid Waste Management District.



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Hello, I am writing as a lifelong Missouri resident to express my opposition to HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven history of reducing landfill waste; supporting local jobs; providing fun, educational, and affordable programming for people of all ages; and delivering real environmental benefits that help support a future where our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy our beautiful home state.

Citizens of Missouri appreciate and rely on organizations like these, and these organizations rely on the threatened funding to function. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Both as an individual and as a worker at Missouri employers that have worked directly with these organizations, I have personally witnessed the effective, beneficial work of several of the potentially affected organizations in action, including the City Sewing Room, Perennial, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the EarthWays Center, and more.

And these organizations are not only benefitting human health and the environment—they are also providing critical resources to those who cannot always afford to purchase necessities brand-new. In diverting waste from landfills, some of these organizations are also helping to educate the public on options for reuse or actively providing affordable access to gently used items; this is critical work during a time when so many Missourians are already struggling to make ends meet in the face of skyrocketing inflation we have seen over the past several years.

PLEASE VOTE NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761. 7415 Canton Ave University City, Mo 63130



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Representatives and Committee members, it is with the utmost respect that I submit my testimony in opposition HB 2761. My name is Lacey Miller and I am the Western District Commissioner for Marion County. I serve on the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments in several capacities. Of particular interest to this bill, I am a member of the Solid Waste Board serving Marion, Monroe, Shelby, Ralls, Randolph, Pike, Audrain, and Macon counties. As a member of the Solid Waste Board, I have seen first hand the impact the funds from the solid waste district have made in local organizations. Our rural area has small school districts in which seemingly small amounts of money can make a major impact in the education and lives of students. These grants serve to upgrade playgrounds and picnic areas at parks daycares, schools, and churches, repair equipment at Sheltered Workshops, that provide meaningful employment to the differently abled, and even encourage textile recycling. In fact one of the most impactful and interesting project I have witnessed funded was in Shelby County. The students put together a clothing pantry to recycle school themed clothing, helping students who would otherwise be unable to purchase sprit-wear. Many of these 'fundraiser' items are worn only a few times, as students graduate, rather than throwing them out, they donate them back to the school, passing on their school spirit to students that are less fortunate. Not only does this serve the clothing needs of students, but it reduces textile waste. The FBLA/FCCA clubs in the school went a step further researching and educating their fellow students on textile waste in the US.

As you can see the impacts of these grants are profound for our communities, and furthermore, could never be made possible with state level management. Government truly works best, and most efficiently, the closest to the citizens it serves. I am doubtful DNR could properly, impactfully, and evenly distribute environmental funds to the counties and communities that the Solid Waste Districts currently serve. If we are truly concerned with Government Efficiency, as your committee is so aptly named, keeping funds local is the only viable solution.

Not only does this bill take funds away from local control, and thus local communities, but it serves to reward bad actors and punish those truly making a difference. Specifically allocating funds to 'problem solve' the blighted spot of the industry is not a solution to bad actors; it is a reward. It tells industry leaders "Let your home become in disrepair and the government will come in and fund your cleaning crew." This is the opposite of impactful and efficient. Bad actors should be punished, not rewarded, funds should be allocated evenly across the geographic area of the state, allowing the local people at the heart of the organizations they serve to fund the projects that are the most needed and can do the most good.

It is with a heart of service and a passion for every local community in Missouri that I ask you to vote

no on this bill keeping local control the epitome of government efficiency.



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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have volunteered for EarthDay365 and have seen how much waste can be successfully diverted from landfills.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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As a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs I strongly oppose HB2761.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

As a renter, I need to compost with a company who can do that work for me. I rely on a small business, New Earth Farm, to handle our food waste. This is a vital service to me and my family, as citizens of Missouri who believe strongly in composting initiatives to keep landfills free from food waste and contribute to a better future for all.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Please, vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA DOBBS TERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would obliterate funding to many local organizations that manage waste in sustainable ways. One of these, Perennial, is a staple of the St. Louis community. I have attended many classes there which have taught me useful skills and ways to reuse materials like old books and paper waste in my home. I have also benefitted from their clothing swaps, which keep gently used clothes out of landfills.

I strongly oppose this bill! St Louis is doing remarkable work with waste management locally, and we must not go backwards!



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Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA HENNEMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 281-638-6469	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: RIPPLE GLASS		TITLE: DIRECTOR CORPORATE AFFAIRS	
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CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64126
EMAIL: laura.hennemann@sibelco.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 10:27 AM	
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Ripple Glass opposes HB 2761 because it weakens Missouri's solid waste system by eliminating solid waste management districts and reducing reliable grant funding for local recycling, composting, and waste diversion programs. While increased support for illegal dumping enforcement is important, dismantling regional infrastructure shifts the state toward costly cleanup rather than effective prevention.

Solid waste management districts play a critical role in coordinating local programs, providing technical assistance, and ensuring that public funds are used efficiently. Grant funding has been essential to expanding recycling and composting services, reducing landfill dependence, and supporting local economic development. Ripple Glass has been the beneficiary of nearly a million dollars in funding over the past 15 years to develop glass collection processing and infrastructure that supports local jobs, industry, and economic development.

This bill increases costs for communities while reducing the tools they rely on to manage waste responsibly. We urge lawmakers to preserve solid waste districts and protect dedicated grant funding to maintain a balanced, effective statewide system.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Earthday festival is an important event to raise awareness of conservation and environmental protection measures all of us can take. This bill would take that from us, a beloved event in St. Louis. Also, it would prevent earthday fro doing its important work keeping much waste out of landfills, and many other important contributions. I ask you to vote no on this bill.



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I urge you to vote NO on HB 2761. Eliminating funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a verifiable record of reducing waste going to a landfill is a big mistake.
Organizations such as City Sewing Room in the city of St Louis rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of solid waste from the landfill in a weekly basis. These funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.
I have personally benefited from the services of City Sewing Room and know many people, including local teachers and students, who have benefited.
Please vote NO on HB 2761.



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The funding that comes from tipping fees at solid waste landfills in Missouri is important to communities all across our state. These funds to improve the overall health and sustainability of our society! Programs that work to divert materials from landfills are important on numerous levels. Continued use of products is much better than using resources to buy new. Recycling and waste prevention creates hundreds of jobs. Reuse of materials helps lower energy use, minimizes impacts on mining new inputs, reduces use of oil, and reduces other environmental impacts on our society. Lowering the volume that goes into landfills will reduce future costs for all of us by extending the usability of landfills and their maintenance. The local Solid Waste Management Districts do a fine job of directing where these funds have optimal impact, and this system should stay in place. Consider this: what will Boeing make airplanes out of when all the bauxite used for making aluminum is mined? Or when the cost to transport that raw material to the aluminum foundries become too expensive? Aluminum cans can be recycled over and over, and can become airplanes. Keep this important raw materials affordable by maximizing recycling! Organizations such as Home Sweet Home provide a service that enables people who were unhoused to set up their own living space with other's cast offs. MRC keeps toxic electronic waste out of landfills –which also means it isn't leaching into our water. Thank you for leaving the Solid Waste Management District funding system in place.



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Organizations like earthday365, City Sewing Room, and Perennial, rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm, Perennial, Ripple Glass and organizations like earthday365 and the Missouri Botanical Garden rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses and communities in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.



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Organizations like rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have prove record of reducing landfill waste. Supporting local jobs and delivering real environmental benefits.

Please vote NO on HB2761. We need to support keeping land diversion funds under local control where they are transparent , accountable, and working. SUPPORT LOCAL.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room not only has a positive impact on our local environment but is also a cornerstone within the St. Louis, MO sewing community, providing a place of gathering for sewers, beginner and advanced, alike, as well as providing an outreach opportunity for underprivileged youths. City Sewing room has, personally for me, been a wonderful place to hone my sewing skills, find fabric for projects in an environmentally conscience way, and to embolden by creativity.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dissolves the waste management districts

- dissolves the advisory board for allocating and auditing grants
- removes the guaranteed 61% of revenue going to grants
- also removes the 5 year waiting period to use un-allocated grant money elsewhere. So if the department (now sans advisory committee) doesn't give the money in grants, they can immediately use it elsewhere (such as enforcement)
- dissolves a oversight check on voting to give grant money to relatives



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room and St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill to schools, small businesses, and hobbyists every week. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill will have negative consequences for our environment. Please don't fund this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURIE SAX		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB 2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Organizations like Earthday365, Perennial, and City Sewing Room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri business in adapting effective recycling and composting systems.

I personally benefit from the classes offered at Perennial and City Sewing Room and take advantage of services offered by EarthDay365. I am passionate about sustainable crafting and sewing clothes with fabrics that would otherwise end up in the landfill if it not for these organizations.

Please vote NO on HB 2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and effective.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURIE SPARR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I oppose HB2761. As a St. Louis county, Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs, I see the benefit in continuing to fund grants to promote recycling and good stewardship of resources related to waste management.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient. In addition, these jobs contribute to the local economy in a variety of ways.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

I am asking this committee to vote no on HB2761.

Sincerely,

Laurie Sparr DNP, APRN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: LEAH CHRISTIAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-355-1283	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: THE CLEAN REFILL, LLC		TITLE: OWNER OF THE CLEAN REFILL	
ADDRESS: 802 TIMBERHILL RD			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
EMAIL: info@thecleanrefill.co	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 5:52 PM
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My name is Leah Christian and I own a small business, The Clean Refill, in Columbia, MO. Our mission is to reduce single-use plastic waste by selling home and body care products in reusable containers that can be refilled at our store indefinitely. More than 70% of the products we sell are made in Missouri by other small businesses, and we have already kept more than 3 tons of plastic out of the landfill. In addition, we provide waste reduction education throughout the community.

Last year, we received a small 10k grant from the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District to fund marketing efforts to grow our customer base. The grant proved invaluable to our fledgling business. The funding from the Mid-MO solid waste district helped us spread the word about our business and our mission. With the help of the grant, we were able to keep more than one ton of plastic out of the landfill, and reach more than 1,000 new customers.

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 2761, which would result in the elimination of the Solid Waste Districts that fund businesses like mine, who are working on creative, community-oriented solutions to reduce waste. Waste reduction is about so much more than remediation and management of abandoned landfills. Landfills are the end point of a system—not the place where waste is solved. Real waste reduction happens much earlier, through increasing education about how to, and opportunities to, reduce waste. The Solid Waste Districts provide funding to businesses and organizations who are providing this education and these opportunities to keep waste from going to the landfill. Without these districts, Missouri's waste generation will only increase, which will cost taxpayers much more to manage and remediate in the long-run.



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Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to strongly oppose

HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 and Perennial rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Perennial has taught me valuable skills how to use items that would have been thrown into a landfill into useful and beautiful objects, as well as home repair. They are a gem in our community and would be a shame for them to lose funding.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: LEE BURNETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:35 AM
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Dear Rep. Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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I have both donated and purchased supplies from City Sewing Room and other community organizations that help to keep waste out of landfills.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you,
Ruth Lee Burnett

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WITNESS NAME: LENA FAELLA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room, MO BOT, and the many others impacted here, are at the heart of St. Louis. They represent our strong sense of community and provide low cost or free opportunities to our neighbors who may not otherwise be able to access them. As a transfer into St. Louis, I have found organizations like City Sewing Room to be unique to this city and one of the biggest reasons I have come to love it here. Please don't take away our opportunity to care for our neighbors, recycle and reuse when possible, and enjoy the beauty of our city.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE A. MEYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a County Commissioner for Audrain County, I can say that our solid waste management district is performing well for our residents. The board meets regularly, is fiscally responsible with its money, and provides a much-needed service to the area. This bill seems to punish all solid wastes districts by dissolving all of them. The state has enough issues to tackle without adding the management of all districts to its roster of services. Why not set an oversight committee for districts to report to, on an annual basis, and offer assistance to help those that are underfunded and underutilized? It just seems to me that it might be better to not reinvent the wheel on this, but make subtle changes to help improve the situation and not penalize the entire state.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE BIRDWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing as a Missouri resident in support of local Solid Waste Management Districts and in opposition to HB2761.

Local Solid Waste Management Districts use grant funding to support practical recycling and waste diversion efforts tailored to the needs of their communities. As a resident, I regularly use clothing and shoe donation bins and the mattress recycling program in my area that were made possible through these grants. Their convenience encourages participation and helps keep usable textiles out of the landfill.

Centralizing the grant process would reduce local flexibility and weaken programs that rely on community-specific knowledge. Local districts understand regional waste challenges, market conditions, and infrastructure in ways a centralized system cannot. Removing local oversight risks slower decision-making, less efficient use of funds, and fewer innovative solutions to waste reduction. The current district-based model allows resources to be directed where they have the greatest impact and ensures accountability close to the communities served. It has proven effective and responsive. HB2761 would replace a successful, locally driven system with a centralized approach that is less adaptable and less connected to on-the-ground needs. I respectfully urge legislators to oppose this bill and to preserve Missouri's local Solid Waste Management Districts and their role in advancing recycling and environmental stewardship across the state.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE WARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would cut funding for many programs I think a very beneficial to have in St. Louis.



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WITNESS NAME: LEX WILLIAMSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I object!!



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WITNESS NAME: LIBBY SAVAGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I am writing oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. Locals know what locals need most.

Organizations like the insanely effective and much-needed earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The impact of such organizations reverberates far beyond what can be measure, but their awareness and education creates exponential returns for funding dollars.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: LILY BARGHI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Kimberly-Ann Collins,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like city sewing room, earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I strongly oppose HB 2761. This legislation would dismantle Missouri's existing solid waste management system by eliminating local recycling programs and District Grant funding that currently allows communities to reduce waste, educate residents, and invest in cost-effective infrastructure. Rather than improving efficiency, this bill centralizes control while removing the very tools local governments rely on to manage waste responsibly and affordably.

HB 2761 would shift financial and logistical burdens onto cities, counties, and residents—especially in rural areas—while eliminating jobs in the recycling and waste management sector. It would also cause tax dollars to leave local communities, undermining regional economies and increasing long-term disposal costs. Local Solid Waste Management Districts exist because waste management is not one-size-fits-all; removing local authority ignores geographic, economic, and infrastructure differences across the state.

In the Ozark Foothills region, the consequences would be especially severe. Eliminating the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling facility serving a five-county area. Residents would be left without access to recycling services, increasing landfill use, transportation costs, and environmental harm. This outcome disproportionately impacts rural Missourians and undermines years of public investment in sustainable waste solutions.

HB 2761 does not save money, increase efficiency, or improve outcomes. It weakens existing infrastructure, reduces local accountability, and creates higher long-term costs for communities and taxpayers. I urge the committee to reject HB 2761 and preserve Missouri's locally driven, fiscally responsible recycling and waste management systems.



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WITNESS NAME: LILY RAMSAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in opposition of this bill because local control is proven to better support local needs. Organizations like EarthDay365 and the EarthWays Center rely on this funding to reach our community and divert waste. Without them, we would have not only a bigger environmental impact, but also a more costly system in general as more waste goes to the landfill. The St. Louis community loves our local organizations that make it accessible to manage our waste.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA COOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill. We need to do all we can to limit what goes into landfills for our generation and future generations! PLEASE vote NO.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA KRAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LINDA LOEWENSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 11:29 AM
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Dear Representative:

Please oppose HB2761

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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City Sewing Room does wonderful work keeping thousands of pounds of waste from landfills and we need your help.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Please, I'm begging you.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA R. PETERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am opposed to this bill and will vote accordingly.

I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA REZNY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Money needs to be spent for abandoned sites but the rest of the bill is misguided. The large raise in the fee should provide enough revenue to cover the additional \$5M for abandoned sites. the problem sectiona are at least two.

1) Giving the director the ability to raise the fee unilaterally with no reference to a) inflation, b) the impact on the industry of uncertainly and/or high costs and c) impact on the environment by companies then illegally dumping to avoid high fees.

2) elimination of LOCAL CONTROL that is available in the current 20 Districts.

This bill put the State in charge of functions better done at a local level and give unlimited power to a single bureaucrat when only an increase in fees to cover abandoned sites is needed.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA ROSE D'AUBERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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City Sewing Room serves as a community to recycle and reuse all items accumulated in the joy of sewing, knitting and crafts. As a volunteer at CSR, I prepare and place for sale a vast variety of used and unused textiles, notions books, patterns, Sewing machines. When the door open on Tuesday, there is a throng of customers ready to fill baskets of fabric and other items. People come from all over Missouri and Illinois to explore the constantly changing inventory and buy what they find. It is a joy to volunteer for a cause that does so much for the community and environment



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WITNESS NAME: LINDSEY FREEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: LISA DOLLAR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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These places should remain funded. They do a great job finding uses for things that would otherwise be thrown away.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA LONG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, a local agency, and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes-they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

I worked with Home Sweet Home for many years and it is one the most efficient and impactful organizations in Missouri. The grants from Jefferson Solid Waste Management Districts allow Home Sweet Home to collect and pick up donations of furniture and household goods that would otherwise go to landfills. Home Sweet Home redistributes LITERAL TONS of discarded, usable items to people escaping domestic violence, transitioning out of homelessness, living in extreme poverty, and more. I have witnessed thousands of lives changed—from veterans overcoming addiction to families bankrupted by cancer—by receiving beds, blankets, chairs, cooking utensils, and more from Home Sweet Home. This funding helps provide stability and dignity to Missouri families who need it most. Protect this funding.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA ZICKUHR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Warm regards,
Lisa Zickuhr



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WITNESS NAME: LIZ MERGENTHALER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Programs like this have supported our local running event, ensuring that over 90% of the waste generated is diverted from the landfill.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: LOUISE ANNE MARLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Stop ignoring that allowing contamination is just dumb.

Reduce use - reuse anything that can be -recycle which is reinvent - MO needs to educate and implement better lifestyle practices



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WITNESS NAME: LUCIEN KISCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill that would end funding for environmental organizations in Missouri.



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The only thing here that belongs in the wastebin is HB2761!

I oppose this bill because I want jobs and organizations to be supported in our communities - jobs and orgs that empower Missourians to reduce waste; care for our urban, suburban, and rural habitats; and foster creativity and innovation. Institutions and businesses like the Missouri Botanical Garden, Perennial Community Workshop, St. Louis BWorks, and more make our city a more vibrant place to live.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNN OBERMOELLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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City Sewing Room has been a great resource for many people. It would be sad to see it not be around as a place for building community but also to learn new skills as well.



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WITNESS NAME: MACKENZIE CARRILLO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: MACKENZIE MANRING		PHONE NUMBER: 816-806-3673	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF ALBANY		TITLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 106 E CLAY ST			
CITY: ALBANY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64402
EMAIL: ecodev@albanymo.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 10:30 AM
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I am writing to express my opposition of HB 2761, specifically regarding the elimination of Solid Waste Districts in Missouri. I serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the executive board of the Solid Waste Management District – Region A, appointed by the City of Albany. Prior to my appointment in this role, I had no idea how important this group is to our rural communities. Since my appointment I have seen first-hand the impact of the services our Solid Waste District provides. Our District provides outreach and education to schools in our five-county region, grant funding to local organizations working to keep recyclable items out of the waste stream, and a household hazardous waste disposal service to our residents. I am proud to serve on the board for Region A because I believe our District plays an important role in protecting our environment, especially in Northwest Missouri where recycling and waste disposal services are limited. Elimination of this program would further reduce our residents' access to recycling services, increase the volume of waste sent to landfills, place additional financial burdens on local government, and create additional risks to our groundwater and public health. For these reasons I urge opposition to HB 2761 and thank you for your consideration.



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The small local businesses that benefit from this financial support are hubs for our community - they allow citizens of Saint Louis to learn new skills for cheap, share knowledge, and repurpose waste. Stripping funding from businesses like Perennial and City Sewing Room takes money out of our communities and promotes MORE waste into our already constantly overflowing dumpsters. If places like City Sewing Room didn't exist, we're forced to shop at National chains that have zero vested interest in Saint Louis. It is a net positive to not just fund these hubs for waste minimization, but to grow them and provide local people with necessary are marketable skills like sewing, gardening, tool use, and so many more.



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WITNESS NAME: MADELINE BLACK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits. I trust my local organizations. I know people who work at most of them. If you are truly interested in keeping government small, you should fund the local community organizations to take care of their own community.

Programs like Earth Day, City Sewing Room, and BWorks rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you for helping us keep our communities strong and our State clean and safe by supporting these environmentally beneficial programs.



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WITNESS NAME: MADISON TURNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Sincerely,
Madison Turner
Brentwood, MO Resident



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WITNESS NAME: MAGDALEN SPARROW		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**HB2761 – Solid Waste Management
Testimony in Opposition**

Dear Representative Banderman and Members of the Government Efficiency Committee:

I write in strong opposition to HB2761, which would remove local control of funds collected from fees paid by users of Missouri landfills. These fees currently support locally administered grant programs that fund practical, results-driven projects—projects that divert materials from landfills, strengthen local economies, and create jobs for Missourians in their own communities.

Local control of these funds is both efficient and fiscally responsible. Rather than expanding state-level bureaucracy, the current system empowers local solid waste management districts to invest in organizations and businesses that understand regional needs and can deliver measurable outcomes. These grants support innovation, small businesses, and nonprofits while producing immediate environmental and economic benefits.

I know this firsthand. I am the Founder and Executive Director of Passback, a St. Louis–based nonprofit and a two-year grant recipient of the St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Over the past two years, this grant funding has been one of Passback’s primary sources of support, enabling us to build and scale a circular economy model for sports gear and textiles—collecting surplus and unused equipment from schools, retailers, and sports organizations and redistributing it to youth programs serving underserved communities.

Impact to Date, made possible in large part through this local funding, includes:

- **Over \$250,000 worth of sports gear redistributed to youth and community programs**
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Passback is just one example among hundreds of programs statewide that rely on these locally controlled funds to keep valuable materials out of Missouri landfills. Eliminating or centralizing this funding would have a chilling effect on proven diversion efforts and would inevitably result in

increased landfill use, higher long-term costs, and lost economic opportunity at the local level.

HB2761 would weaken Missouri's waste management infrastructure, increase environmental and public health risks, and undermine the local solutions that are already working. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill and protect the local control that makes Missouri's solid waste management system effective.

Sincerely,
Magdalen Pike
Founder & Executive Director
Passback



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WITNESS NAME: MAGDALEN SPARROW		PHONE NUMBER: 314-795-8321	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PASSBACK		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 4818 WASHINGTON BLVD			
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63108
EMAIL: magdalen@passback-official.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 11:35 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MAGGIE MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Organizations like earthday365 and Perennial, and municipalities in the region rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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I write to you in strong opposition of HB2761. The funds created from local control of state landfill fees are vital for community organizations which create incredible positive environmental impacts and provide jobs for Missourians. Having this local control allows citizens to assess issues in their own communities. The system is already very effective; certainly more effective that creating unneeded bureaucracy at the state level. The current system diverts millions of pounds of waste from landfills statewide - Please oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MALLORY NEZAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As someone with most of my family living in this area, and where I serve on local boards and committees, the future health and survival of the land and communities in the region matter more than anything. It isn't hard to connect the dots.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: MARCUS K CASADY		PHONE NUMBER: 660-254-0018	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HOLT COUNTY RECYCLING		TITLE: RECYCLING PROGRAM MANAGER	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 316, 108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MO			
CITY: OREGON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64473
EMAIL: hcmd@ofmlive.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 11:23 AM
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My name is Marcus Casady, and I manage the Holt County Missouri Recycling program. We began our program 5 years ago and schedule monthly events in various locations within the County to accommodate as many residents as possible. The program has steadily grown with collections of glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard, paper and plastics totaling on average 11,400 lbs. (5.7 tons) per year. This is waste that would normally go into a landfill. We are a small county with a population of 4,200 residents. Our program was made possible and only possible with funding and assistance from our local Solid Waste Management District. With available grants, we were able to purchase a trailer and bins for the collection of waste. The local District also assists with education that helps grow the project. I oppose this bill that would have a detrimental effect on programs like ours. For the sake of the environment please continue to fund the local Waste Management Districts that make programs like ours possible.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I am writing to oppose this bill. It would cut funding to important work that is being done to divert waste and make our planet healthy and happy. For the future of our beautiful planet, please do not pass this bill.



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Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. Environmentally conscious people like me rely on New Earth Farm for residential composting and eggs from truly pasture-raised chickens which do not receive any antibiotics.

Do not destroy this vital small local business and the ability for me to do what I can for the environment.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET HEFNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly **OPPOSE** HB 2761. I also strongly **SUPPORT** Missouri's current Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) structure, which this bill proposes to eliminate.

This bill would negatively affect local recycling efforts as well as funding for organizations such as Home Sweet Home, which has been critical in providing housing after the St Louis Tornado. Home Sweet Home, a nonprofit furniture bank serving the St. Louis region, has received vital funding from the St. Louis–Jefferson SWMD for the past five years. This funding supports operations that divert more than 700 tons of material annually from regional landfills.

Beyond environmental impact, Home Sweet Home partners with more than 50 social service agencies to help individuals and families exiting homelessness or crisis furnish stable, dignified homes. SWMD funding directly supports the staff and trucks needed to collect donated furniture from local homes and businesses and deliver it to families in need.

If funding currently designated for local solid waste management districts is diverted to a statewide agency, Home Sweet Home—and many other effective local organizations—will be placed at significant risk.

For these reasons, I urge you to **PLEASE OPPOSE** HB 2761.



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I am opposed to HB2761. This bill would be detrimental to our environment and organizations who are currently working to keep hazardous materials out of landfills please do not vote for this bill.



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The work of City Sewing Room and many other local organizations in St. Louis and across Missouri is essential to keep tons of items out of landfills. They need essential funding to keep open so I have a place to recycle fabrics & other sewing items. Folks my age beginning retirement need a place to donate fabric & craft items no longer used to be recycled and used by the next generation. Landfills are full enough!

PLEASE SUBMIT A TESTIMONY, LEARN MORE, OR CONTACT craft
Have
Sample Testimony (You may copy and personalize):

Dear [Representative Name],

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We cannot continue forward with a bill which would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts. These bills would dismantle successful local recycling programs while raising trash fees by up to 150% for Missouri families already struggling with rising costs.

This legislation will have detrimental effects on regional environmental progress.



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I think having fees paid by landfill users sent to local organizations that work to keep items out of landfills is very efficient. Keep it local.



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I support both organizations by purchasing recycled materials at low cost for art projects, clothing, knitting, and furniture repair. These projects and their educational programs help me pay my bills by allowing me to repair and reuse goods without throwing them in the garbage.

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Mark Hodapp
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Dear Michael Burton,

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[Optional sentence(s) about how these programs have served you personally]

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Dear Rep. Bernie Cook,

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Dear Rep. Darin Chappell,

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Dear Rep. Mark Boyko,

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WITNESS NAME: MARSHALL KIEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I subscribe to New Earth Compost which is supported the funds that this bill is attempting to remove. I oppose this bill.



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I am a self employed artist and teacher in Wildwood, MO. I am opposed to House Bill 2761 because it would eliminate grants to important organizations in our State; I am talking about organizations such as The City Sewing Room and the St. Louis Teachers Recycle Center. I contribute and purchase supplies for use in my own art and the classes I teach. The creative re-use of materials helps our state reduce waste that is sent to landfills. These organizations are vital to teachers so they can stretch their budgets and also work to educate others on how solid material may be successfully reused. They are valued community resources that serve everyone in MO.



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We have local organizations that use these funds to divert waste. They're cornerstones of our community and are a huge benefit to our environmental efforts. Please don't move this bill though. It would defund them.



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We should be encouraging recycling rather than discouraging it. No one wants to live next to a landfill and more will be needed. They will have to be built in rural areas who again are not listened to and many times don't have their needs met.



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The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

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Personally, I have purchased a used sewing machine from City Sewing Room in the past year, and I spend hours each week using it, almost always using fabric and thread from the City Sewing Room as well. The environmental factor, rescuing items, the treasure hunt, the affordability - all are reasons I choose to shop at the City Sewing Room.

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To create a better environment for me, my children, my grandchildren and beyond, I recycle as much as possible. Why would you replace a working system with something guaranteed to create more trash, landfills, and illegal dumping which will happen when your constituents no longer have a legal place to dispose of paint, batteries, etc. You should make recycling more efficient with easier access. So, my question is who is behind this? Who is going to gain financially from this bill? Please answer that question before voting on this Bill.



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The waste management fund helps many organizations in Saint Louis divest tonnage. For example Passback has been able to divert more 11tons of plastic and metals and help 6,000 kids in saint louis to have gear to play sports.



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Small businesses like New Earth Farm and Perennial STL as well as non profits like Passback rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste, non recyclable sports equipment out of the landfill each year. While keeping the communities engaged and supporting the overall health but physically and economically of the region.

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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MARY T. MCMAHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 4:15 PM
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Dear Mr. Brad Banderman,

My name is Mary T. McMahon. I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill WEEKLY. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have been a volunteer at City Sewing Room for over 6 years. I have taught quilting classes at City Sewing Room for our community using donated materials. I have witnessed first hand how City Sewing Room has grown exponentially since it's inception and the tremendous impact it has had in St. Louis, MO. City Sewing Room supports sewing groups that make much needed items for non-profits, such as Nurses for Newborns, Charitable Angels, Santa's Helpers, Project Linus, and many more. The loss of funding would cripple not only City Sewing Room, but the numerous groups mentioned previously.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Mc Mahon
3117 Parc Ridge Lane
St. Louis, MO 63139



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WITNESS NAME: MASON RICHTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 10:58 PM
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Organizations like New Earth Farm and earthday365 rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I have been using New Earth Farm's composting services for over a year and been extremely happy. They are a huge asset to the St. Louis community with the work they do as well as earthday365.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: MASON SITEK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 11:53 PM
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to divert 13,000,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: MATT KOUZES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 2:25 PM
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As General Manager of Resource Management, which processed single stream recycling in Earth City, MO from 1996 to 2019, I understand how critical recycling programs are to eliminate waste from our landfills.

Not only is recycling important at the household, it's just as critical to encourage recycling at businesses both large and small. Access to recycling is not always easily achieved and the grant process often helps alleviate this dilemma.

I ask that you vote no on this bill to allow the local waste districts to maintain the grant process to stay at the county level and not fall into the hands of Missouri DNR which doesn't have the local knowledge or investment as the local solid waste districts have like St Louis County and Jefferson County.

I have worked in recycling for my career since 1996 and the recycling industry is near and dear to my heart. Please reconsider this bill with regards to the changes to granting local recycling and waste reduction efforts.

Sincerely,
Matt Kouzes



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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 2:55 PM
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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have purchased supplies from the city sewing room that would otherwise have been landfilled. Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW LUE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-874-7368	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF COLUMBIA		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	
ADDRESS: 701 E BROADWAY			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
EMAIL: matthew.lue@como.gov	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 9:38 AM

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The City of Columbia funds Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) -MO grants. The City of Columbia roughly estimates a loss of \$124,305 in 2026, and an estimated \$525,742 thereafter until 2030 (based on CPI provided by Oxford Economics) if this bill is implemented. This would result in the City of Columbia being unable to provide the household hazardous waste collections, right-of-way tire clean-ups, and similar services. The revenue loss estimation is based on the following assumption:

According to Oxford Economics, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is expected to increase around 2% annually from 2026 forward.

2025 (CPI 2.75%) \$121,415
2026 (CPI 2.38%) \$124,305
2027 (CPI 2.16%) \$126,990
2028 (CPI 2.26%) \$129,860
2029 (CPI 2.37%) \$132,937
2030 (CPI 2.30%) \$135,995



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN BUCKLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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As a St. Louis city resident and someone who cares deeply about human impacts on our environment, I strongly oppose this measure. I already haul my own recycling and pay a private company for kitchen waste composting service. Please do not take away funding from these essential services that help St. Louis be a more sustainable place to live. I have personally benefited from classes at City Sewing Room and Perennial that have improved my ability to create less waste. The efforts by many of the other orgs who would be impacted are essential to creating events in St. Louis that are an absolute joy and thoughtfully designed to lessen their environmental impact.

Thank you for your consideration,
Megan



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN MAHLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN O'BRIEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I strongly oppose this bill. Many wonderful organizations (like the City Sewing Room) do great work with these funds, like diverting thousands of pounds of waste from landfills. Further, funding for these projects comes from landfill user fees, not tax dollars. These fees should continue to be reinvested locally to fund projects that support and protect our environment.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGHAN OTOOLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I do not want more waste going into the landfill if this is passed. Not only that, but local organizations that support the environment will be affected, and that's not okay. We need these organizations to help educate the public and provide resources. I care about the environment, and you should too.



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WITNESS NAME: MELANIE BRAUN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:40 PM
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City Sewing Room has been a wonderful resource for me personally when my mother died and I was not able to keep and use her large supply of fabric and crafting materials. They are also a vibrant part of the community offering a place for like minded sewing and crafting enthusiasts to learn and work together.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: MELANIE HESSLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I care deeply about effective, local solutions for diverting waste from landfills. This funding should stay because it funds local organizations that add so much value to the people of St. Louis. I will watch how this gets voted on, and I will vote accordingly.



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WITNESS NAME: MELINDA BLUM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:37 AM
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I care deeply about waste management organizations. Go to great lengths to buy new as little as possible. Using marketplace, or thifting, but along the way i have come across wonderful stores that not only sell secondhand or avert what other deem as waste to the landfill. They bring the community together! Perennial in st louis (not to be confused with the brewery) has quarterly clothing swaps and classes where the use craft supplies people have donated. I encourage everyone i know to visit upcycle Treasure box; a second hand store run by jenni owens. There are resources for terracycle as well as other events . She works in the school system and i believe she founded her store to give teachers a resource to buy cheap materials for their class. You could find anything in that store it is so resourceful. Without the help of the resources they receive from these landfill fees it would be harder to avert waste from the landfill. There are many more organizations relying on this and many other positive outcomes that will be overlooked. The world needs more people who care about repurposing trash



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WITNESS NAME: MELISSA VON ROHR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I have worked closely with organizations like Home Sweet Home that keep literally tons of useable furniture and household items out of landfills. Stripping funding in favor of putting more waste into landfills is just bad business and means more purchases of crappy furniture from IKEA and China. To what purpose?



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: MELODY NEWTON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-390-6950	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NEW EARTH FARM, LLC		TITLE: COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR	
ADDRESS: 800 WARREN STREET			
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63102
EMAIL: melody@newearth.farm	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:18 AM
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I strongly oppose HB276. This bill would remove local control of the funds collected from fees paid by users of state landfills. Under the current system, these fees create a pool of grant funds which are awarded to local organizations and businesses for local projects which divert materials from the landfill.

This is a clever and efficient use of funds to support programs across Missouri that directly keep materials out of the landfill without adding the government bureaucracy which would be needed if the state ran those programs themselves. Instead, it supports economic growth and job creation for small businesses and nonprofits and provides concrete and measurable results.

I write to you as the Community Outreach Coordinator of New Earth Farm, a St. Louis-based community composter. Our work, which has been supported by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District grants, makes composting accessible to over one thousand households, restaurants, schools, offices, and community groups, provides environmental and compost education to the region, and employs eight people. In less than six years, our work has prevented more than one thousand tons, or (to date) 2,076,138 pounds, of food waste and other organics from entering landfills. Instead, that material is made into nutrient rich compost which is added back to local soils.

HB2761 would undermine waste management infrastructure and increase environmental and health risks, while negatively impacting local economies. Please vote NO on HB2761 and do everything in your power to oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: MELODY NEWTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a Missouri resident who has demonstrably benefitted from hundreds of programs funded by the SWMDs, I oppose HB 2761. The existing system of distributing the funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know and enrich their communities, and IS ALREADY HIGHLY EFFICIENT.



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WITNESS NAME: MIA SALAMONE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 8:25 PM
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I strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I'm a volunteer with earthday365, and I have seen first hand what an important impact they have on our environment and community.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL BEINING		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 2:07 PM
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Rep. Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, St Louis BWorks, City Sewing Room, and others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

These businesses have had a significant impact on my family's life through education, materials, new friendships, and support. BWorks provides bikes, education, and materials for kids. This translates to exercise and a city population that builds within it diverse and rock solid community. City Sewing provides a community outlet, education, resources, materials, and community; which then promotes fashion, clothing, and support. The stream in which these businesses help our community is not easily visible, but large in impact. Worldwide, biking and fashion both thrive and can translate to visitors to this great city, tourism, and revenue.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL BERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This bill would bypass local zoning authority. We have a successful Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) system that currently diverts millions of pounds of waste from our landfills. Don't change it.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I stand in firm opposition to this bill, which is a profound attack on Missouri's environmental governance and public health under the guise of "streamlining."

This legislation is a corporate giveaway masquerading as reform. By redefining toxic chemical processes like pyrolysis and gasification as "advanced recycling" and excluding them from solid waste regulation, the bill creates a dangerous loophole. It allows polluting facilities, often sited in low-income and communities of color, to operate with fewer safeguards, turning plastic waste into air and water pollution while claiming it's mere manufacturing. This is environmental injustice, not innovation.

Furthermore, the bill dismantles our local, democratic solid waste management districts, centralizing authority in a state department historically prone to underfunding and regulatory capture. These districts are essential for community-tailored recycling, waste reduction, and illegal dump cleanup. Defunding and dissolving them will kill local green jobs, cripple recycling programs, and abandon our neighborhoods to increased litter and dumping.

The increased fee on landfills is a regressive tax that will burden municipalities and residents, while the bill simultaneously slashes the dedicated funding that should support recycling and waste reduction programs back in our communities.

This bill prioritizes the profits of the waste and chemical industries over the health of our people and planet. It undermines environmental justice, local control, and real sustainability. I urge you to reject H.B. 2761 and instead support policies that genuinely reduce waste, strengthen community-led recycling, and hold polluters accountable.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE F SCHERER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Continue funding solid waste management and recycling.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE SLESINSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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This bill would cause undue burden on small American businesses that employ Missouri workers with good, stable jobs. The businesses that would be impacted represent a wide variety. As someone in the area, I especially benefit from the City Sewing Room, which is a great resource for the community. I am opposed to this bill because it would kill small businesses that make the St Louis area a unique destination.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I am in opposition of environmental organizations losing funding through this bill being passed.



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To whom it concerns:

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose this bill. Solid waste district funds support many, many local groups and activities that ensure safe disposal of hazardous wastes and that support reclamation and reuse—keeping millions of pounds of waste out of landfills. DNR does not have the capacity to support local efforts like this, and state-level groups do not have the same level of local knowledge that ensures success.



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Although this bill holds some promise, I am writing to oppose it in its current form. I am gravely concerned by the proposed elimination of regional solid waste districts. Eliminating local/regional districts and pooling all of those responsibilities in the DNR is likely to be less effective and less efficient in the long run. State-level employees rely on local knowledge to ensure appropriate service.

Further, DNR has been defunded dramatically in the last decades. I do not see provisions in this bill for ensuring adequate funding for personnel to enact the local identification of illegal waste sites or for providing the regionally-appropriate services and educational functions currently taken up by the Solid Waste Districts.

The promise in the bill includes the increase in tipping fees, a step that is long overdue; our landfills are filling rapidly. Also positive, is the support for interagency cooperation and facilities committed to reclamation or recycling.

I hope this bill is not moved forward in its current form. Please vote not



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If you still care about our land and people. You would NOT be passing this bill. Whether you're RED or Blue.



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I am very concerned that this bill if passed will seriously hurt organizations in our state that work to keep things that can be used again out of landfills. Recycling is a major benefit to the environment.



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I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. They are essential in keeping the state we live in clean. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective. Passing this bill will cut jobs and poison the state's land and waters.

Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 MILLION pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Local organizations, who know and understand the local scene, will be better able to continue to manage waste and support recycling than a statewide management office. The local workers do a great job of educating about recycling.



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My name is Nancy Rudolph I, I live in St. Louis County, Missouri 63128.

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Regards,
Nancy Rudolph



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Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversions under local control. It is extremely important that we reduce landfill waste, support local jobs, and deliver real environmental benefits.

The St. Louis Earth Day Festival is the city's most wonderful joining together. It is so important to keep supporting this event.



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**HB 2761 — Solid Waste Management
Testimony in Opposition**

Dear Representative Banderman and members of the House Government Efficiency Committee:

I write in opposition to HB 2761. As introduced, this bill would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts and advisory structure and shift decision-making and remaining grant availability away from the regional, locally informed model that has helped communities reduce landfill waste through practical, measurable projects.

Local districts are close to the problems (and the solutions): they know which programs are working, where illegal dumping is occurring, and which local investments will measurably divert material from landfills while supporting local jobs. HB 2761 would instead prioritize state-level administration and other expenditures first, leaving grants as whatever "remaining revenue" exists, an approach that risks shrinking and destabilizing the very pipeline of local diversion projects that keeps tonnage out of landfills.

I serve on the Board of Directors of earthday365, a nonprofit that has benefited from grant support through the St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. That support helps fuel on-the-ground waste reduction work, like event waste diversion and restaurant waste improvement, that creates local jobs and keeps material out of Missouri landfills. Our organization has reported diverting over 13 million pounds of waste through our programs in 2025.

Please oppose HB 2761, or at minimum amend it to preserve the regional solid waste management districts and protect a stable, dedicated share of Solid Waste Management Fund revenues for locally directed grants.

Sincerely,
Nate Pedigo
Board Member, earthday365
Saint Louis, Missouri



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like Bworks and City Sewing Room rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Bworks is an incredible aide not only to me as an individual who commutes almost entirely by bike. Making operation harder for them makes transit not only more difficult but also more expensive. Not to mention how they serve a larger community of children and adults by teaching them livelong skill such as bike maintenance and care.

City Sewing Room, similarly, serves our community in a large way by but only teaching a wide range of incredible useful skills but also by keeping textiles out of the landfill and repurposing them.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: NICI WILSON		PHONE NUMBER: 816-540-7810	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF PLEASANT HILL		TITLE: ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR	
ADDRESS: 203 PAUL STREET			
CITY: PLEASANT HILL		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64080
EMAIL: niciw@pleasanthill.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 2:31 PM
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My name is Nici Wilson, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the City of Pleasant Hill in opposition to House Bill 2761.

Pleasant Hill is a small but growing community, and we rely heavily on regional partnerships to provide services efficiently for our residents. One of those partnerships is our participation in the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.

Through this district, Pleasant Hill residents have access to services we could not realistically provide on our own. One example is the Household Hazardous Waste collection program. These events give residents a safe, responsible way to dispose of toxic materials like paint and chemicals. Without the district, these services would either disappear or become much more expensive for us to provide with our limited staff.

The Solid Waste Management District model helps ensure our needs, and the needs of the region, are met. Small cities like Pleasant Hill have a seat at the table and a voice in how programs are designed, while the district allows communities to work together, share resources, and avoid duplicating services. This regional approach is practical, cost-effective, and responsive to local needs.

If HB 2761 were to eliminate solid waste management districts, cities and counties would be left to manage these responsibilities alone. For communities our size, that task is not feasible to manage on our own. Eliminating these districts would also move decision-making farther away from the communities most directly affected.

For these reasons, the City of Pleasant Hill respectfully urges the committee to oppose HB 2761 and to preserve Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of the local impact this bill would have on communities like ours.



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Im a Missouri resident that STRONGLY opposes HB2761 and I have directly benefited from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm which I use and support, rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Nicole Miller-Struttman
503 Foote Ave
Webster Groves, MO 63119
28 January 2026

Re: Opposition to HB 2761

Dear Representative Banderman,

I urge you to oppose HB 2761, which would eliminate Missouri's solid waste management districts. These bills would dismantle successful local recycling programs while raising trash fees by up to 150% for Missouri families already struggling with rising costs.

How This Hurts Webster Groves

District grants paid for 44 recycling bins in our business districts that divert 440 pounds of waste from landfills every week. These grants also support our community's electronic waste recycling events, glass recycling program, our Green Dining District program that helps local restaurants reduce waste and our annual pumpkin composting event. Under these bills, there's no guarantee our local programs would continue receiving funding, decisions would be made by state bureaucrats in Jefferson City instead of local officials who understand our community's needs.

Higher Costs, Less Service

The bills would increase landfill fees from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ton (67% increase) and demolition fees from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per ton (150% increase). These costs will be passed directly to residents through higher trash bills and increased construction costs. Meanwhile, the bills eliminate the funding formula that ensures 61% of solid waste fees stay in local communities, giving all control to the state with no accountability to voters.

I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB 2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable and working. These bills would raise costs for Missouri families while eliminating effective, local programs. I'm happy to provide additional information if helpful.

Sincerely,

Nicole Miller-Struttmann
Webster Groves Resident



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I am from St. Louis, MO and have family living there. HB 2761 would massively impact the health of my city and surrounding areas in negative ways. If you care for the health and wellbeing of the people of this area you will stop this from passing.



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I am a mom living in University City and I am reaching out because I care about local small businesses and reducing waste in our communities. I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

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These funds went to programs that allow me to compost with a local organization. In a city that struggles to handle trash and recycling, local organizations receiving funds for compost programs help lift the burden on other strained systems.



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I do not support eliminating solid waste management districts. Our district has been essential in helping to divert solid waste, including toxic materials from landfills. They also provide essential education to residents in making informed decisions about how to properly dispose of solid waste.



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WITNESS NAME: NOELLE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I benefit at least weekly from organizations that SWMDs fund and would be devastated to see them wane or disappear. I think this bill represents a clear step backward when it comes to sustainability.



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WITNESS NAME: OLIVIA JONDLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room, Ripple & even the Botanical Gardens rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have seen first hand the amount of waste that has been successfully diverted from an eternity in a landfill by these companies. They help facilitate the reuse or recycling of what would otherwise be waste & teach the community the importance of being sustainable in our daily life.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: OLIVIA PAXSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I have personally used the city sewing room to donate pounds of fabric and purchase other materials. It is a wonderful resource that relies on the support of these funds.

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The St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District funds so many vital non-profits in St. Louis. A few that I and many others of my community frequent include Perennial, City Sewing Room, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Perennial and City Sewing room are incredibly vital to the sewing community in St. Louis. They not only provide materials at a discount, that would often times leave some unable to purchase otherwise, but they keep materials out of the landfill and encourage an atmosphere of creating with less waste. The City Sewing and Perennial room offers classes for all ages for what I think is an essential tool and art form. There are no other business like them in St. Louis currently and to strip funding from this essential source would effect them in a negative way. I am a local fashion/costume designer and I would not be able to do what I do without them as a resource. Now more than ever we need more art in this world and a safe place to create it.



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WITNESS NAME: PAMELA FIZER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The programs you are gutting make a real impact for waste diversion and management of toxic stuff we have in our garages and homes. The services were critical when I disposed of the stuff in my folks' garage that would been disposed of in bad ways due to no resources to do it right. Please do not defund these programs, they matter to the health of our state. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: PAMELA HASS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We need to keep funding locally managed solid waste programs to keep waste out of our landfills. My family fills up a recycling bin every week with some weeks going into our overflow bin. I make sure the waste is clean and dry as asked so it can be recycled.

Please vote NO and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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This bill would eliminate a major source of funding for many nonprofit organizations across Missouri that work to protect our environment by diverting much waste from waste facilities. DNR is in need of additional funding to do their critical work, but this bill is the wrong way to give them those resources. It would be robbing Peter to pay Paul because both groups work to protect the environment. Don't do it!



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WITNESS NAME: PATON LAMPRECHT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs. I live in St. Louis and my family and I rely on the composting services of New Earth Farms. My daughter uses their residential program and our church uses them to compost the waste from our 6 fish fries.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I do business with New Earth Farm,a small, local business, which benefits from the Solid Waste Management District grants from tipping fee collections. I appreciate their work in keeping food waste out of landfills and making a productive product (compost) from it.
This seems like it's been a successful program, and it's hard to see why it should be done away with. Businesses that utilize the grant monies to start or expand their business need to be able to count on it. "Any remaining revenue will be made available annually for grants," as stated in the summary of this bill, sounds pretty much like there would be little if any revenue remaining.
Please oppose this bill.



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Dear Committee Member:

I am writing to oppose HB2761. I understand that it will restructure the way funds are allocated to local groups that plan recycling and waste management services. Across Missouri, hundreds of programs depend on these grants. In 2025, just one of these programs, earth day 365, diverted over 13 million pounds of materials from landfills. If HB2761 passes, millions of tons of additional waste would go into landfills, This is not the time to jeopardize programs that keep successful landfill diversion funds under local control. Please vote NO on HB2761. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK FITZGIBBON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK VAN DER TUIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-664-0828	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BWORKS		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 2414 MENARD			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63104
EMAIL: patrick.van.der.tuin@bworks.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 11:14 AM
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I am writing to express strong concern about HB2761 and to urge you to oppose this bill.

If passed, HB2761 would remove local control of funding from the St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and transfer authority over these funds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. These dollars do not come from general tax revenue — they are generated from landfill user fees and are specifically intended to be reinvested locally to reduce waste and keep materials out of landfills in the first place.

BWorks is a current grant recipient of the St. Louis–Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, and this funding is essential to our work. Each year, this support allows us to:

- 1) Sustain local jobs by keeping skilled team members employed
- 2) Cover labor costs associated with refurbishing and reuse efforts
- 3) Collect and divert more than 121,000 pounds of material from landfills annually
- 4) Leverage local dollars as matching funds to secure larger federal and out-of-state grants

And that is just one organization.

There are 26 municipalities, dozens of nonprofit organizations, and numerous community initiatives that rely on these locally controlled funds to provide waste reduction, recycling, and reuse services tailored to the needs of our region. Stripping decision-making authority away from local districts risks disrupting effective programs, reducing accountability to local communities, and ultimately sending more waste to landfills — the very outcome these funds were designed to prevent.

Local leaders best understand local challenges and opportunities. Maintaining regional control ensures these dollars continue to create jobs, support environmental stewardship, and deliver measurable waste diversion results right here in our communities.

Please stand with local governments, nonprofits, and residents by opposing HB2761 and preserving local control of these critical funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: PATTY OVERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 417-434-1692	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: REGION M WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 1801 W 32ND STREET, SUITE C.214			
CITY: JOPLIN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64804
EMAIL: patty@regionm.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 11:06 PM	
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On behalf of the Region M Waste Management District, I am writing to express our strong opposition to Missouri House Bill 2761. Passage of this bill would effectively eliminate Region M and dismantle more than 30 years of locally driven waste reduction, recycling, education, and environmental protection work that has directly benefited the cities, counties, businesses, and residents we serve in southwest Missouri.

For three decades, Region M has responsibly managed solid waste district funding at the local level to support jobs, infrastructure, education, and essential services. These funds have been reinvested directly into our communities, including:

- Providing funding that sustains jobs at local recycling centers • Assisting businesses with recycling equipment and waste-reduction infrastructure
- Supporting collection programs for small and rural communities • Delivering environmental education programs in public schools • Supplying bins and materials for nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and local sheltered workshops
- Hosting and funding household hazardous waste and electronic waste collection events, including proper disposal of items such as batteries, electronics, and disposable vaping devices

HB 2761 would remove local control of these funds and redirect them to the state, eliminating the ability of Region M to continue this work. The consequences would be immediate and severe. Cities and county recycling centers throughout our district would face significant financial losses, forcing them to either drastically reduce services or shut down entirely. Many communities simply do not have alternative funding sources to replace these programs.

We are also deeply concerned about the environmental and public health impacts this bill would create. Without funding for hazardous waste and electronic collection events, we anticipate a significant increase in illegal dumping and improper disposal of harmful materials, placing additional strain on local governments, landfills, and natural resources.

Finally, we must note our concern with the lack of clarity and consistency in oversight from the Department of Natural Resources over the past two years. In hindsight, it appears this uncertainty may have been tied to an effort to shift control away from locally governed districts in favor of centralized state authority. This approach undermines transparency, accountability, and the proven effectiveness of Missouri's regional waste management district model.

Solid waste management is most effective when decisions are made locally, by those who understand the needs of their communities and are directly accountable to them. HB 2761 moves Missouri in the opposite direction, jeopardizing jobs, services, and environmental protections that have taken decades to build.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 2761 and support policies that

preserve local control, protect jobs, and maintain effective waste management services for Missouri communities.

The Region M Waste Management District serves five counties (Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald), along with 29 cities in southwest Missouri. For over 30 years, the district has invested over \$17 million in grant funding, awarded over 700 grants for recycling infrastructure, and supported nearly 100 businesses, local governments, schools and nonprofit organizations to reduce landfill disposal.

Our board of directors strongly believes HB2761 would jeopardize the progress we have made.

Jamey Cope, Chairperson, McDonald County Commissioner

Kirra Antrobus, Vice-Chairperson, representative for the cities of Jasper County John Bartosh,

Treasurer, Presiding Commissioner of Jasper County Joshua Bard, City of Joplin City Council

Tammy Goodwin, City Clerk of Sheldon MO

Kellie Inmon, McDonald County Chamber of Commerce

David Johnson, Presiding Commissioner of Barton County

Mark Knight, Newton County Commissioner

Lawna Price, City Administrator of Granby MO

Rusty Rives, City Administrator of Lamar MO

Joe Wilson, Presiding Commissioner of Vernon County

This board was put in place to develop and plan for waste management in the district, has held public meeting in recent months, and intends to address the considerations of the residents and businesses of the communities we serve.

The Region M Board respectfully submits a resolution regarding opposition to HB 2761 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGION M WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

IN OPPOSITION TO MISSOURI HOUSE BILL 2761

WHEREAS, the Region M Waste Management District has served the communities of its district for over 30 years, providing locally governed, accountable, and effective solid waste management, recycling, education, and environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS, Region M administers solid waste district funding to support local jobs, recycling infrastructure, small community collection programs, business equipment assistance, school-based environmental education, nonprofit support, and public service programs; and

WHEREAS, Region M's programs have provided direct support to recycling centers, businesses, cities, counties, nonprofit organizations (including local sheltered workshops), and rural communities, ensuring access to waste reduction services that would otherwise not exist; and

WHEREAS, Region M provides and funds essential services including household hazardous waste collection events and electronic waste collection programs, preventing illegal dumping and improper disposal of harmful materials such as batteries, electronics, chemicals, and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill 2761 proposes to restructure solid waste management funding and authority in a manner that would eliminate Region M Waste Management District and other locally governed districts, removing local control and redirecting funding away from community-based programs; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB 2761 would result in significant financial harm to city and county recycling centers, forcing service reductions or complete program closures across the Region M district; and

WHEREAS, elimination of local funding would lead to job losses, reduced recycling access, increased landfill disposal, and a likely rise in illegal dumping and improper disposal of hazardous and electronic waste; and

WHEREAS, the centralized redirection of funds to the state level would undermine local accountability, transparency, and responsiveness, replacing proven local governance with distant administrative control; and

WHEREAS, solid waste management is most effective when decisions are made locally, by those who understand community needs, infrastructure limitations, and environmental risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Region M Waste Management District hereby formally opposes Missouri House Bill 2761; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board affirms its commitment to local control of solid waste management funding and services, the protection of local jobs, and the preservation of community-based environmental programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board calls upon the Missouri General Assembly to reject House Bill 2761 and to support policies that strengthen, rather than dismantle, Missouri's regional solid waste management district system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to members of the Missouri House of Representatives including Representative Banderman, Representative Deaton, Representative Loy, Representative Bromley, Representative Roberts, Representative Kelly, and

Representative Diehl, Missouri Senator Jill Carter, and relevant legislative committees.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: PATTY OVERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI RECYCLING ASSOCIATION		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: admin@mora.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 11:51 AM
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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Recycling Association, an organization dedicated to advancing responsible recycling, waste reduction, and environmental stewardship, we respectfully submit this letter in opposition to House Bill 2761.

Our organization works closely with local governments, recyclers, community partners, and Missouri residents to build efficient, locally driven recycling and solid waste systems that protect public health, conserve resources, and support local economies. After reviewing the summary of HB 2761, which proposes modifications to solid waste management requirements, we are concerned that the bill could reduce local efficiency, disrupt effective programs, and create unintended negative consequences for recycling efforts across the state.

Missouri's recycling and waste management systems function best when decisions are made at the local level, where communities understand their unique needs, infrastructure, and economic realities. HB 2761 would disproportionately impact rural communities, where recycling programs already operate with limited resources. Local education initiatives, grant-supported programs, and community collection events would likely be eliminated, effectively ending recycling access in many rural areas. These changes would also result in the loss of local jobs, including those supported by sheltered workshops, further reducing economic efficiency at the community level.

Missouri communities have made meaningful progress in expanding recycling access, reducing landfill use, and implementing cost-effective local waste management plans. Altering solid waste management requirements without clear protections for existing programs, robust stakeholder engagement, or evidence-based safeguards risks undermining these locally efficient systems. Such changes could increase administrative burdens, shift costs to municipalities and nonprofit partners, and reduce the return on past public investments.

While HB 2761 reallocates funding, it does not reduce overall costs or improve system efficiency. The proposed \$5 million allocation is insufficient to remediate even a single landfill, making it unlikely that meaningful resources would remain available for local grants. With approximately 30 abandoned landfills across the state, funding would be absorbed by cleanup efforts, effectively eliminating grant support for community recycling programs and reducing local capacity to manage waste efficiently. Recycling is not only an environmental priority, but a practical and economic one. Well-designed local recycling systems reduce landfill dependency, lower long-term waste management costs, and support jobs throughout Missouri. Policies that centralize decision-making, disrupt proven local programs, or introduce uncertainty ultimately reduce efficiency and place additional strain on already limited local resources.

We urge members of the Missouri House of Representatives to consider the broader impacts of HB 2761 on local efficiency, community sustainability, and responsible waste management. We encourage

collaboration with stakeholders directly involved in recycling and solid waste management before advancing significant changes to current systems.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose House Bill 2761 and ask that you vote against its advancement. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further or provide additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration



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I have been an Executive Board Member of the Solid Waste District A for over four years. I represent Atchison County. Our Solid Waste program is the only entity in the region taking Household Toxic Waste. The nearest facility to us in Missouri is in Lee's Summit, southeast of Kansas City, and they require payment to drop off Toxic Waste. We have paid over \$7,500 for Toxic Waste removal over the last 5 years, keeping more than 8 tons of Toxic Waste out of landfills. In that same time period, we have fulfilled over \$287000 in grants, saving over 1100 tons of waste from going into Landfills. We have spent over \$37,000 on education and outreach to over 3,800 students and residents. Removing this service to Missouri residents in our 5-County region would be a mistake. There is nothing to take its place that offers the same local understanding of how to properly recycle waste products of all types and levels of danger.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: REMAINS LLC		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	
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CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63116
EMAIL: paul@remainsllc.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 3:21 PM	
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Dear Representative [Committee Member Name],

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Missouri Botanical Garden, and New Earth Farm rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Through the grants from Solid Waste District, Remains LLC has grown from a small bread truck in 1996 processing 1000 lbs of textiles a day for reuse/recycle...to the current facility processing over 70xxx lbs of textiles per day for reuse and recycle.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Sincerely,
Paul Wight
Remains, LLC
St. Louis, MO 63116



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Your comments can just say something like this:

If passed, this legislation would significantly harm local recycling and education programs and eliminate District Grant programs that provide financial assistance to cities, counties, and organizations that develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste. It would also remove local control, negatively impact jobs in the recycling industry, and cause tax revenues to leave our area.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have very dire consequences for the region. It would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling center in the 5-county region.



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This will negatively affect the operation of Earthday365 which helps to divert waste from landfills and improves recycling.



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Having Solid Waste Management Districts keeps tens of thousands of tons annually out of the environment and landfills: streams for fishing and tourism; forests, conservation areas, and parks for hunting and tourism; roads and drainages for hazard mitigation, storm runoff infrastructure to not damage or clog piping and equipment, etc. This program has already received severe enough financial cuts that several other recycling centers in the state have already closed, as is evident by the uptick in visible recyclable trash along roadways and in natural areas in those regions. Aside from the obvious environmental damages, losing these districts will also lose solid waste related jobs and expertise. Valuable knowledge of processing and handling solid waste will migrate out of Missouri in search of jobs. And Missouri will not just lose the employees and their expertise: schools will lose revenue from their families, school training programs will lose graduates or related training programs will be removed, the overall population will experience further out-migration for any job related to waste management, and the trickle down economic impacts are incalculable.

The Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, as part of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District, is the only facility of its kind in the Southeastern Missouri regional area and needs to remain in operation for the benefit of recycling certain common items instead of adding to the volume of waste handled by the single Transfer Station in the Ozark Foothills region, co-located in Butler County. The Recycling Center takes all aluminum cans, tin, newspapers, white paper, magazines, books by special collection, most food, drink, and cleaning container plastics, cardboard, paper bags, and shoe boxes. On annual average, the Recycling Center reclaims 926 tons from state landfills. Providing a free, safe, and efficient program for recycling some of the regional waste generated everyday keeps some of the trash and contaminants out of the rest of the environment.

The recently updated Ozark Foothills Regional CEDS cites infrastructure improvement projects as one of the highest priorities. This facility is a key part of the solid waste infrastructure in the southeast region. Losing this facility would not only overwhelm the transfer station due to the increase in tonnage, it will provide the perfect foundation for environmental damages throughout the area.

Removal of Solid Waste Management Districts will also severely curtail the opportunity to apply for funding for solid waste related projects in the future. Losing the last regional landfill severely diminished the amount of funds allowable to request from the state for the operation of waste management facilities of any kind, thus limiting the effectiveness of the State of Missouri to care for it's residents and environment.

Passing this bill would show an egregious lack of foresight and economic understanding on the part of

this committee. Considering that the members of this committee are representative of their regional areas and should, by the nature of their elected positions, have a complete understanding of the ramifications of passing this bill, your constituencies should be extremely disappointed in your lack of vision and knowledge of economic consequences. If anything, more funding should be dedicated to Solid Waste Management Districts so they can expand their efforts in helping Missouri's long-term economic sustainability.

Being a small business owner in this state, if cuts to required infrastructure programs is what this electorate is focused on, then Missouri will not only lose waste management related knowledge, but it will also lose business owners and corporations (and all of their employees, families, and economic stability) that can operate in states that are more interested in bolstering the economy, not curtailing it. Bills like these waste valuable electorate time, effort, and finance and show Missouri's population that its elected officials are more interested in cutting infrastructure than providing for the future of the state, her residents, and her economic well-being.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Please do not remove the local control currently over this funding. The current collection and distribution of funds has great success in encouraging waste reduction and funding projects that redirect waste. I use several programs that rely on this funding. Disruption in funding and the services that rely on it takes us in the wrong direction of striving for a cleaner environment and greater community engagement.



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Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Dear Representative Wendy Hausman

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I learned to sew and repair my grandmothers sewing machine at City Sewing Room and have been able make and mend clothes for my toddler with the help of the City Sewing community. They are a community resource that helps me make ends meet.

Please vote **NO** on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Let's not move backwards. Organizations that currently use this funding help by reducing, reusing and recycling materials keeping them out of landfills! In doing so, the materials get a second life AND our environment, our communities, and our health is improved. Please do not move Missouri backwards to save money as the longterm impact for future generations is too great!



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Comment 1

I oppose HB 2761. This bill removes Missouri's 20 Solid Waste Management Districts and eliminates the annual grant program that supports local recycling and waste reduction. These districts return real dollars back to communities. In FY25 alone, districts reinvested \$5.72 million through local grants.

Comment 2

HB 2761 would weaken local control. Solid Waste Districts are governed by local boards and respond to local needs. Eliminating them shifts decision-making away from communities and reduces accountability for how Solid Waste Fund dollars are spent.

Comment 3

This bill threatens Missouri's recycling infrastructure. Districts fund household hazardous waste collections, tire disposal, electronics recycling, and illegal dump cleanups. Without districts, these services will shrink or disappear.

Comment 4

Missouri already faces limited landfill capacity. Six landfills have less than 10 years of space remaining. Solid Waste Districts help divert waste, extend landfill life, and reduce long-term disposal costs. HB 2761 moves the state in the wrong direction.

Comment 5

HB 2761 eliminates a program that directly benefits residents. In FY25, 68% of district allocations went back into communities through grants. These funds support schools, cities, and community organizations working on waste reduction and recycling.

Comment 6

The bill raises tipping fees but removes the local system that ensures those fees create community impact. Missourians should not pay more per ton while losing proven local programs and grant funding.

Comment 7

Over the past five years, districts provided \$2.15 million to sheltered workshops in Missouri. HB 2761 puts these partnerships and jobs at risk.

Comment 8

HB 2761 will increase dumping and pollution. District programs prevent illegal disposal by providing collection events, education, and cleanup support. Eliminating them will create higher costs for local governments and taxpayers.

Comment 9

Solid Waste Districts are a cost-effective model. They reduce waste, support recycling, and keep

resources in local communities. The state should strengthen this system, not dismantle it.

Closing Statement

I urge the Missouri House to vote NO on HB 2761. This bill eliminates local districts, cuts community reinvestment, weakens recycling efforts, and harms long-term waste management across Missouri.



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Dear Members of the Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, a local agency, and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources.

These funds don't come from general taxes, they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

I support Perennial, which is a grant recipient of the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. Because of this essential funding, each year Perennial :

- Keeps and adds members to the Perennial team (this funding supports local jobs)
- Offers 300 hands-on sustainable classes (this funding keeps our classes affordable and accessible) a Keep over 20,000 pounds of materials out of the landfill (this funding diverts literally millions of pounds from the landfill)
- And gives more than 7,000 residents per year the tools, skills, and opportunities to divert and reduce their

Keep it local please!



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Becca Craig, and I am a Missouri resident. I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 2761 and SB 1586 because these bills dismantle the regional solid waste district system that helps communities reduce waste, manage hazardous materials safely, and keep costs down for taxpayers.

If HB 2761 and SB 1586 pass, Missouri will need more landfills because efforts to divert waste streams will be significantly reduced. That means more trash going into the ground, more long term environmental impact, and higher costs for communities.

These bills would also eliminate the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Residents would lose a safe way to dispose of toxic materials. When these programs disappear, hazardous items get stored indefinitely or disposed of improperly, which creates real risks for people, property, and local waterways.

Local governments would be forced to pick up the slack with fewer resources. Cities and counties would be required to develop their own solid waste plans, even when many already operate with tight budgets and limited staff. At the same time, grant programs directed toward local services would no longer exist. That is a double hit: more responsibility, less support.

Residents would also lose practical tools that people rely on to do the right thing. RecycleSpot.org, serving over 140,000 users per year, and the district telephone hotline would no longer be available to help Missourians find responsible disposal options. Removing this guidance makes proper disposal harder, not easier.

Statewide leadership on smart, coordinated initiatives would cease, including better disposal options for items like paint and batteries. Those programs work because they are coordinated and consistent. A patchwork approach leaves residents confused and services uneven across Missouri.

Finally, these bills divert solid waste funds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for landfill enforcement and regulation instead of local waste reduction efforts. Enforcement is important, but prevention and diversion are what reduce landfill demand and protect public health. Taking funds away from local solutions will increase costs over time.

The bottom line is this: taxpayers will pay more for trash services and receive fewer waste diversion

services.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 2761 and SB 1586.



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Dear Committee Member,

I strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs, like earthday365, that I rely on as an individual to keep me educated and dedicated to responsible recycling and other sustainability initiatives. As we know, these funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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To remove the set amount of 61% given for grants would negatively affect the local organizations doing important work of keeping food waste and compostable materials from going into landfills. I oppose this bill and think additional funding to cover “ assessing, investigating, testing, remediating, and managing abandoned solid waste disposal areas.” could come from somewhere else and not take away from grants.



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I am in opposition of HB-2761. St Louis and Jefferson counties (among many others—these counties impact me and my community directly) rely the funding for St Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management district for jobs and keeping 2000+ pounds of waste A WEEK out of landfills. The impact that this could have on an already struggling community would be detrimental. Please consider your constituents' wishes and do not pass this bill.



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Come up with a better plan than this. The funds that are currently reinvested locally do a good job of keeping waste out of landfills. Don't ruin these locally run recycling initiatives.



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WITNESS NAME: REESE SHERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representative Bell

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Personally the city sewing room has taught me and other members how to reuse and revamp materials we already have keeping them out of land fills. Without this funding so much more waste will end up impacting not only our city, but our planet. Please vote no.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: REN BAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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WITNESS NAME: RENEE PAYTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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My name is Renee Payton, and I live in the city of St. Louis. I am writing to voice my opposition to this bill, especially eliminating solid waste management districts and the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee.

During the 20 years I've been a resident of St. Louis City, I have shopped at many creative reuse nonprofits. Perennial, City Sewing Room, Teacher's Recycle Center, and Leftovers, Etc. are nonprofits that receive funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. These nonprofits accept donations of a variety of items that might otherwise end up in landfills. Most of them also offer classes. These nonprofits contribute to the economy and community of St. Louis. Teachers find items for their classrooms; makers find items for their creative pursuits, which is likely a source of income; people learn or develop skills and make personal connections in the classes.

I have also utilized the Household Hazardous Waste drop off site in South County. I wouldn't want this service to be eliminated because we need somewhere to safely dispose of hazardous waste.

Thank you for reading my testimony. I know that we need to consider how government funds are spent. I also know that government services are important. Rather than continue racing to the bottom by cutting services and reducing taxes, especially on those who can most afford to pay them, I would rather Missouri commit to caring for its people, land, air, and water.



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WITNESS NAME: RENNY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This funds so much more critically important fixtures of st louis and the eco friendly community like Local organizations such as perennial, earth 365, city sewing, any many more. Do not let this pass



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WITNESS NAME: REV. THOMAS BRADSHAW		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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All of Missouri needs to reducing landfill waste & keep jobs. There's no reason to pass this.



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WITNESS NAME: RHIANNON DAVIES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Representatives,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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WITNESS NAME: RICK CAPLAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I have directly utilized grants from the Mid-America Regional Council's Solid Waste Management District (MARC SWMD), which serves Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

I strongly oppose any effort to eliminate Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts (SWMDs).

The value of these districts extends far beyond environmental stewardship—though that work alone justifies their existence. The SWMD grants I successfully implemented produced measurable social and economic outcomes that simply would not have occurred without this funding: jobs, job training, education, and long-term benefits for individuals with disabilities.

Because of SWMD funding, my projects helped create more than 40 jobs, supported workforce training, and delivered numerous educational opportunities to Missouri residents. These outcomes were not theoretical. They were measurable, real, accountable, and impactful.

Let me be absolutely clear: none of this would have happened without SWMD funding. Eliminating these districts would not streamline government—it would dismantle a proven mechanism that delivers environmental progress and economic opportunity at the local level.

If you would like to hear firsthand about the success stories made possible through MARC SWMD grants, I would welcome that conversation and am happy to provide details, outcomes, and data.

Thank you for taking the time to listen—and for considering the real-world consequences of this decision.

Rick Caplan



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WITNESS NAME: RITA HUNT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-255-5857	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY SEWING ROOM OF ST. LOUIS		TITLE: CREATIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 6700 ARSENAL STREET			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63139
EMAIL: rita.hunt@citysewingroom.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 11:03 AM
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Dear Del Taylor and other Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room of STL rely on these funds to divert over 133,000 pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

In solidarity,
Rita Hunt



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WITNESS NAME: RITA TAYLOR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is very important for compost companies to have the support of our Missouri government via grants for their proven local efficient waste diversion programs. Our church community (Catholic) is working to be a good steward of the planet that God has given us. One important way is that we are now working with New Earth to compost the waste from our six fish fries this February to March and in the future.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT MEREDITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I think control at the state level is a bad idea. I do feel that more oversight is needed, possibly by having more community members involved in the decisions. I expect that if ran at the state level it will be impossible for small business's like mine to even know when grants are available, let alone be awarded anything. It is hard to get grants through the current program due to pet projects that are primarily aimed to the City of Springfield and Greene county, due to the bulk of them making up the board. A perfect example though not related is the USDA relief funds for drought etc. Only those connected usually know its available until its too late.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ROBYN KERKAERT		PHONE NUMBER: 816-888-3051	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: THE SEWING LABS		TITLE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
ADDRESS: 526 CAMPBELL STREET			
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64106
EMAIL: robyn@thesewinglabs.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 1:46 PM	
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My name is Robyn Kerkaert, and I serve as CEO of The Sewing Labs, a Kansas City based nonprofit and a federally and state registered apprenticeship program in industrial sewing. We provide job training, education, and workforce development for individuals seeking careers in the sewing and textile industry.

The Sewing Labs has directly benefited from the services and support provided by the MARC Solid Waste Management District. Without MARC SWMD, our organization would not have functional recycling systems in place. Through MARC, we implemented co-mingled recycling as well as textile recycling, both of which are essential to our daily operations.

Since October 2025, our organization has diverted approximately 200 pounds of cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper from landfills. Since June 2025, we have diverted an additional 470 pounds of textile waste. These outcomes reduce landfill use, lower long-term disposal costs, and support healthier and more sustainable communities across the Kansas City region.

As an organization whose mission includes reuse, skill building, and environmental responsibility, the technical assistance and infrastructure provided by MARC SWMD are not optional. They are foundational. Eliminating Solid Waste Management Districts would disproportionately harm nonprofits, small organizations, and training programs like ours that rely on regional coordination to implement effective waste reduction practices.

MARC SWMD delivers practical, measurable results for communities, employers, and residents across multiple counties. Its grant programs, planning support, and public education efforts provide value that cannot be easily replicated at the local level.

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill 2761 and Senate Bill 1586 and to keep Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts in place. The work of MARC SWMD directly supports environmental stewardship, economic efficiency, and community health throughout our region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robyn Kerkaert
CEO, The Sewing Labs
Kansas City, Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: ROIAN KICKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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WITNESS NAME: ROISIN REILLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. I am a proud and happy customer of New Earth Farm and the work they do to support our community, including working with students to make their composting service more accessible.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: RONDA POLK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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If passed, this legislation would significantly harm local recycling and education programs and eliminate District Grant programs that provide financial assistance to cities, counties, and organizations that develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste. It would also remove local control, negatively impact jobs in the recycling industry, and cause tax revenues to leave our area.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District will have very dire consequences for the region. It would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center, the only recycling center in the 5-county region.



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Why would you want so much waste going into landfills when then are able to be recycled and used for greater good. Please don't let this bill pass.



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Vital organizations will be negatively impacted by this bill. The community will suffer these losses in multiple ways. Organizations that promote environmental wealth create vibrant spaces for St. Louisans to thrive do not deserve to be punished by the loss of funding this bill proposes.



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WITNESS NAME: ROXANNE HOOVER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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All of our plastic, aluminum, and tin recycling initiatives for our school district and our new composting program have been funded through our Solid Waste District. Not only are we educating our kids on saving our planet, but, through their grants, we have been able to get picnic tables, benches, and weights for the weight room made from recycled materials. They are such an asset to our community! This is a big part of my Environmental Science Class I teach.



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WITNESS NAME: ROY MEREDITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 2761.

This bill would eliminate Solid Waste Management Districts. These Districts currently take the tipping fees collected through landfills and reinvest that money into local communities for recycling projects. I live and work in The Quad Lakes Solid Waste Management District (District J). In the last few years District J has provided over \$800,00 worth of funds for recycling projects, many that have only been possible with the grant funding provided by SWMD. These are projects that aim to reduce waste and/or divert waste for landfills through recycling, whether that be paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, etc. HB 2761 will significantly reduce recycling efforts in the state of Missouri. Instead, the state funding will go to landfill management and remediation, not waste diversion or recycling.

If HB 2761 passes, then the service that SWMD provide will fall on cities and counties. This will create even greater stress on local government budgets that are already over-burdened.

Also, if HB 2761 passes the tipping fee at landfills will increase, and that increase will be passed onto the residents of this state through increased cost for trash service. In addition, HB 2761 includes provision for increasing the tipping fee yearly with no end. I am afraid increased cost for trash disposal will result in more "illegal dumping". Often it is the local cities and counties that are responsible for cleaning up such sites, adding yet another burden to their budgets.

Finally, HB 2761 will increase permitting and regulation. While I agree there need to be policies and rules in place to protect our citizens and environment, more bureaucratic red tape is not the answer. I believe decision making and control should remain at local levels (city, county, district, etc.)



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WITNESS NAME: RYAN BRENNAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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If passed, HB2761 would remove local control of funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes-they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place.

A bill moving quickly through the Missouri legislature – HB2761 – could end funding for local environmental action across our state, including the work of all the St. Louis organizations pictured, and many more.

Bworks is a grant recipient of the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

Because of this essential funding, each year they:

- Keep members on the Bworks team (this funding supports local jobs)
- Helps cover labor costs to refurbish thousands of unloved bicycles and computers
- Helps Bworks collect and divert over 121,000 lbs of materials from landfills each year.
- Leverage this funding as a local match to attract larger federal grants and out of state grants.

Bworks helps numerous kids learn how to ride a bike or use a computer, thus helping this kids improve their fitness and critical thinking skills, which will help them in their future career endeavors, thus helping the state's economy.

Also, this bill removes local control of resources, something which almost always causes unintended consequences. The legislature has claimed they are in favor of promoting local control. They should act like it.



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Hi, I'm a STL resident who has benefited from a program funded by the SWMDS. I divert a lot if compostable material to green processing through the small business, New Earth Farm. PLEASE keep funding them through grants. They're creating local jobs, building community and helping sequester carbon via composting, it's vital for our environment. Please do the right thing, I pay city taxes and I want services like this to keep flourishing. Thank you!



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Dear Representatives Hausman, Mayhew, and Burton,

Please vote no on HB 2761. I'm a resident of St. Louis and want landfill diversion funding to stay in the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. I have benefitted from the programs funded by landfill tipping fees, like the City Sewing Room and composting education. The Department of Natural Resources would not allocate the funds in a manner beneficial to residents of St. Louis, as a less localized entity.

Thank you,
Saida Robles-Razzaq



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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

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Impact Statement Opposing HB2761

Your Honor,

For more than three decades, rural communities like ours have held onto something precious — the ability to make decisions for ourselves. Local Solid Waste Management Districts have ensured that recycling, waste reduction, and environmental stewardship are not distant afterthoughts, but living commitments shaped by the people who call these counties home. HB2761 threatens to take that away. This bill removes decision making from the very people who live with the consequences. It

concentrates power in a single state agency with no local representation, no local accountability, and no lived understanding of what it means to serve a rural community. It replaces community driven planning — built on relationships, trust, and firsthand knowledge — with top down mandates from people who may never walk our streets, meet our families, or see the challenges we face.

For over 30 years, our districts have proven that local control works. We know our people. We know our land. We know what it takes to keep our communities healthy, safe, and thriving. If these funds are absorbed into DNR's general operations, rural Missouri will be forced to compete with major cities for the same limited resources. And history has shown us, time and time again, that centralized funding models favor population centers — not the small towns already fighting to survive.

This bill does more than shift authority. It erases the transparency and accountability that our current system guarantees. Solid Waste Management Boards are made up of county commissioners, city officials, and regional stakeholders — people who answer directly to the public. They meet openly. They listen. They respond. DNR, by contrast, is not locally elected, is already overstretched, and cannot tailor programs to the unique needs of rural communities. HB2761 discards a proven model without offering anything capable of replacing it.

But the deepest impact of this bill cannot be measured in policy terms alone. It must be. In our region, recycling is not just an environmental service — it is a lifeline. Over the last five years, our program has provided employment to 75 individuals who otherwise would not have had opportunities, including many who are differently abled. These are people who found purpose, pride, and belonging through this work. People who discovered that they were needed — that their contributions mattered.

When we talk about losing local control, we are talking about their jobs, their stability, their dignity. And the environmental impact is equally profound. In the last five years alone, our rural program has recycled 2,575,592 pounds of material — more than 1,287 tons kept out of landfills. This includes:

- 1,962,946 pounds of cardboard
- 29,260 pounds of #1 and #2 plastics
- 14,513 pounds of aluminum cans

- 72,286 pounds of white paper
- 65,963 pounds of newspaper
- 53,657 pounds of magazines
- 1,007 pounds of colored paper
- 1,726 pounds of tin cans
- 635 pounds of milk jugs
- 10,808 pounds of shredded paper

These numbers tell a story of commitment — not from a distant agency, but from neighbors, families, and local leaders who care deeply about the land we live on and the future we leave behind.

HB2761 puts all of that at risk.

Removing local control will not strengthen rural programs. It will silence them. It will make rural needs invisible in a system that has never prioritized them. It will jeopardize jobs, dismantle partnerships, and unravel decades of progress built by people who have poured their hearts into serving their communities.

Your Honor, rural Missouri is not asking for special treatment. We are asking for fairness. For representation. For the right to continue doing what has worked — what has protected our environment, supported our workers, and strengthened our communities for more than 30 years.

HB2761 takes power away from the people who know their communities best and hands it to a system that cannot possibly replace the care, the accountability, or the effectiveness of local leadership.

For the sake of our workers, our families, our environment, and the future of rural Missouri, I respectfully urge the court to consider the profound and lasting harm this bill would cause.

Sara L. Louck

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I am writing to strongly oppose HB261. While I am in favor of increasing the fee for solid waste disposal, eliminating Solid Waste Management Districts and removing the requirement that a percentage of this funding goes towards grants de-prioritizes local control and will leave significant holes in the programming budgets of dozens of organizations. The organizations affected by this bill rely on the current funding structure to prevent millions of pounds of waste ending up in landfills each year, while also education the public and providing incredible spaces for community growth and sustainable practices to build a better future for St. Louis residents. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Additionally, the majority of the organizations that would be affected by this bill (Perennial, City Sewing Room, Missouri Botanical Gardens to name a few) have provided me with a rich and warm welcome to the city, as I moved recently from Philadelphia. A unique culture of care is present solely because of these organizations, and they are some of the only reasons I choose to stay in St. Louis rather than taking my funds and resources back to a larger city.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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I submit this testimony in strong opposition to HB 2761 because it functions as a power transfer bill disguised as “solid waste modernization” and its bowtie.

It centralizes authority, weakens transparency, dissolves local oversight, and expands discretionary executive control—while raising charges on Missourians and building in automatic escabootie.

That combination raises serious constitutional oversight concerns.

1) This bill invites “government by formula” instead of government by accountable votes
HB 2761 raises the per-ton charge and then ties future increases to CPI while also giving the director authority to adjust increases to meet “operating costs.” That structure matters:
It turns a public charge into a self-updating, self-justifying revenue mechanism.
It reduces future legislative accountability because increases happen automatically or via executive discretion, not by a recorded vote that citizens can evaluate and respond to.
At minimum, that creates nondelegation/separation-of-powers red flags: the General Assembly sets policy; agencies execute it. When statutes hand agencies open-ended authority to increase public charges based on “need,” you are drifting from execution into quasi-tax policy-making without the safeguards voters expect.¹

2) Article X: if it walks like a tax, it deserves tax-grade scrutiny
Missouri’s Constitution puts taxation under strict public accountability norms (uniformity, lawful authorization, and transparency).² Whether the per-ton “charge” is ultimately treated as a tax or a fee is a legal question—but HB 2761 pushes it closer to a general revenue instrument by increasing it, extending it, and indexing it for growth. If the public is going to be compelled to pay more year after year, the legislature should treat that power with the seriousness of Article X oversight—not bury it behind CPI formulas and discretionary adjustments.

3) Eliminating districts is eliminating a layer of public accountability
HB 2761 dissolves solid waste management districts and transfers leftover funds and grant oversight to the state.

This is not neutral. It removes a regional governance structure that allows citizens to follow:
who applied for grants,
how priorities were set,
how illegal dumping and local capacity needs were addressed, and

how public money was routed.

When government reorganizes to reduce local transparency and concentrate power, that is a constitutional accountability problem, even before it becomes a courtroom problem.

Oversight is not a luxury—it's the mechanism by which citizens consent to being governed.

4) "Advanced recycling" carve-outs weaken regulation while shifting risk to the public
HB 2761 statutorily declares "advanced recycling" (including pyrolysis and gasification) to be "manufacturing" and "not" solid waste disposal/processing/incineration. That is a deliberate lane change that can weaken environmental permitting and enforcement. If these facilities generate emissions, residues, or hazardous byproducts, Missourians will still bear the consequences—through public health impacts, remediation burdens, and enforcement costs—while the statute preemptively frames the activity as something less regulated.

This is backwards public policy: the higher the potential risk, the stronger the oversight should be.

5) Repealing audit authority signals the wrong intent

HB 2761 repeals §29.380, which gave the State Auditor authority to audit solid waste management districts. Removing statutory audit tools while simultaneously centralizing authority is exactly the pattern that destroys public trust.

If the goal is good governance, the proper response is:
stronger independent auditing,
stronger disclosure, and
stronger conflict-of-interest controls,
not fewer.

fast-pass bills with constitutional vulnerabilities that die in the Senate or get stayed by litigation
-Rev. Sarah M. Berry

Footnotes:

Missouri Constitution, Article II, §1 (separation of powers among legislative, executive, and judicial departments).

Missouri Constitution, Article X (taxation and finance), including general constitutional expectations of lawful tax authority and public accountability in revenue systems; see also Article X, §3 (uniformity requirements for taxes within classes), as relevant when charges operate broadly and repeatedly on the public.



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Please stop pretending Missouri voters don't notice what's happening here.

HB 2761 dissolves locally accountable solid waste management districts, raises statewide disposal fees, centralizes control and remaining funds under the department, and then asks the public to believe this is merely "modernization."

It isn't.

If the goal were transparency, this bill would strengthen public oversight. Instead, it eliminates regional governance structures, concentrates decision-making, and expands administrative discretion while increasing costs that will be passed directly to residents and small businesses.

The clearest example of how sloppy this bill is comes from Section 260.336, which requires a "final financial audit" to include bank account numbers and balances. There is no legitimate policy reason to hard-code bank account numbers into statute.

That is not transparency; it is poor drafting and careless risk creation.

Missouri voters expect competence, not unnecessary exposure of sensitive financial information written directly into law.

This bill follows a pattern voters are increasingly frustrated with: more fees, more consolidation, less accountability, and no serious explanation of why existing structures must be dismantled instead of improved.

If the state wants more control and more money, it should at least be honest about it.

Missourians are not asking for theater. We are asking for functional government, careful lawmaking, and respect for the people who pay for all of this.

HB 2761 does not meet that standard. I urge a NO vote.

Missouri voters aren't confused by this bill — we're tired of it.

-Rev. Sarah M. Berry



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a St. Louis resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs. I divert all of my food waste from the landfill by using New Earth Farm composting services. Additionally, as an educator, I am so impressed with the St. Louis Teacher's Recycling Center as a resource for teaching materials at reduced cost (an expense that is quite often born by dedicated educators out of their own pocket) and a place to repurpose materials I know longer need. All of this diverted waste is an asset to Missouri. It saves waste management resources. And it is better for the health of the environment and therefore the humans who live within it (that is, all of us!).

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

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Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

As a avid outdoorsman whose livelihood depends on the ability to be in nature and a community volunteer with conservation organizations such as Stream Team Missouri, Great Rivers Greenway, and Powder Valley Nature Center, I urge you to prioritize keeping funds where they will be most effective in preventing waste buildup and protecting our invaluable natural resources.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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Organizations like City Sewing Room and Perennial STL rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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Organizations like Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I have used the local grant program to create composting training for home and community gardeners and to encourage composting training in schools. The local illegal dump cleanups ORSWMD hold make our area safer and cleaner, and recycling collections are vital to my community that does not currently have a recycling program.

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I'm writing to oppose HB 2761. I think the continued funding of environmental programs and organizations which exist to minimize the amount of waste that goes into our landfills is important for our community. I go to Perennial's clothing swap several times a year and get all of my clothing second hand from their organization. I really appreciate the work they do for Saint Louis, and know that denial of funding due to HB 2671 would be damaging to their operations.



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I respectfully oppose Missouri House Bill 2761 because of the significant economic and community harm it would cause to our region.

This legislation would eliminate District Grant funding that local cities, counties, and organizations rely on to operate recycling, education, and waste-reduction programs. These grants represent a critical return of locally generated fees back into our communities—supporting jobs, public services, and infrastructure. Removing them would shift costs onto local governments and taxpayers while sending those dollars out of our area.

HB 2761 would also remove local control over solid waste management, despite the fact that local districts are best positioned to understand the needs of their communities. The recycling industry supports skilled, local jobs, and dismantling this system would result in job losses and reduced economic activity across the region.

The loss of the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District would be devastating. Its elimination would force the closure of the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center—the only recycling facility serving the entire five-county region. This would leave thousands of residents, schools, and small businesses without access to local recycling services and would increase transportation and disposal costs for everyone.

HB 2761 does not streamline government or save money—it shifts the burden onto local communities, weakens regional economies, and dismantles a system that is already working. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.



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City Sewing Room has provided affordable sewing supplies for many of my own projects, including tailoring and repairing my professional clothes, making historical and fantasy costumes for hobby groups which frequently donate back to the community, and making home decor/storage items which I could not afford otherwise. Big box craft supply stores are increasingly rare, and they also rarely supply materials for clothing, so City Sewing Room's supplies fill an important gap in the market to supply people making and repairing their own clothes at home. City Sewing Room applies the reduce, reuse, recycle motto beyond just food/shipping packaging which is commonly recycled, and into the territory of craft supplies.

The impact of City Sewing Room goes beyond just keeping materials out of landfills. They also provide classes that educate the community how to sew and make things for themselves, to be more resourceful and self-sufficient, and to repair and reuse instead of discard and replace. These classes teach skills that improve the economic potential of individuals, and connect community members to each other through shared interests.

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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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I'm friends with our garbage man and he regularly has to drive to a different state to dump trash. This bill will not help our St. Louis area dump to have all these organizations go without funding. If they go under, that's more in landfills that are already full. Please oppose this bill.

My family has been specifically blessed by Perinnial. When we didn't have money to buy toys, I could go to Perinnial and buy crafting supplies. Please help keep this alive.



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I have been working at Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity as the Executive Director for 17 years. 16 of those 17 years we have received funding to assist our efforts in the ReStore, a thrift store for building materials, household furnishings, appliances and more. When we were just starting the ReStore out, Region M was imperative to our operations in providing a resource to donate still good items and provide low cost items to the public. To this day it assists our mission greatly, seeking to put God's love into action and bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. In my 17 years of working for Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity, I cannot think of a better source of funds that is as proficient, accessible, helpful, and as important as Region M. Region M is organized in a way that it makes the difficult easier, and I seek this moment to implore a better understanding to its efficiency and importance to the ReStore and the local recycling community.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: SCOTT DEFIFE		PHONE NUMBER: 703-684-6359	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GLASS PACKAGING INSTITUTE (GPI)		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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January 27th, 2026

Missouri House of Representatives
House Committee on Government Efficiency
201 W. Capitol Ave, House Hearing Room # 7
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2761– Glass Packaging Institute

Dear Chair Hausman and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I offer the following comments and testimony in opposition to HB 2761. GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container (bottle and jar) manufacturers, glass recyclers and other suppliers to the industry.

Our member companies produce domestic food and beverage glass containers purchased in grocery stores and retail outlets. GPI's members include glass container manufacturing and glass bottle recycling facilities in Missouri, which collectively employ over 150 Missourians.

By using recycled glass recovered in Missouri, remelted to make new bottles and jars in-state at the plant in Pevely, energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions are significantly in tandem, anywhere from 6-10% for every 10 percent of recycled glass in the manufacturing batch. Recycled glass recovered is also successfully reused to manufacture fiberglass insulation in-state.

HB 2761 would weaken Missouri's solid waste system by eliminating solid waste management districts and reduce the reliable grant funding for local recycling effort they currently provide. While increased support for illegal dumping enforcement is important, dismantling regional infrastructure shifts the state toward costly cleanup rather than effective prevention, currently achieved through recycling of materials collected.

Solid waste management districts play a critical role in coordinating local programs, providing technical assistance, and ensuring that public funds are used efficiently. Grant funding has been essential to expanding recycling and composting services, reducing landfill dependence, and

supporting local economic development.

The glass bottle and jar recycling industry relies in part on the currently available and critical grant funding opportunities provided to achieve environmental goals, and to support in-state manufacturing careers.

HB 2761 may negatively impact these grants in the future, reducing an important tool that recycling and manufacturing companies in-state use to leverage their own considerable investments in recovery and successful reuse of glass sold throughout Missouri.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and we look forward to engagement with legislators, staff and stakeholders across the state to ensure the future viability of glass recycling programs.

Sincerely,

Scott

Scott DeFife
President
Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT LYON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Representative Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BRIDGING THE GAP		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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Bridging The Gap was created in 1992 to organize volunteers to recycle. Our organization was the driving force to bring curbside recycling to Kansas City twenty years ago. This year we will be performing mattress recycling services, only the second organization to provide that service. We could not be doing the work we do without the periodic grants we receive through the Solid Waste Management District.

The defunding of and the ending of local Solid Waste Management Districts will have a negative effect on bringing forward and executing strategies of waste diversion at the local level. The end result will be the accelerated use of landfills. This will result in the need to create more of them. Investing in local interventions through these districts is crucial to extending the life of these landfills.



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Hb 2761 would place local solid waste districts in a very difficult position to continue their excellent work in keeping waste materials where they belong, in landfills. If the local haz waste pickups were to be discontinued, then as has happened in the past, road ditches in the area would start filling up with waste dumped there as tipping fees climb. This has also happened with regular solid waste materials. Support of solid waste districts needs to be continued in order to keep our communities waste free and to continue to have waste place in landfills.



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WITNESS NAME: SEAN DICKMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello. I am Sean Dickman and as a resident of St. Louis and I am writing to ask you to oppose / vote NO on HB 2761.

I have favorable experience with earthday365 and am a supporter of the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD). In particular its diversion of millions of pounds of waste from our landfills. As someone who interacts with these programs, I can attest that the current system is efficient and creates jobs without needing state-level reclassification.



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WITNESS NAME: SHAELYNN TICE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Passing this bill will lead to more pollution, more waste, and more greed. Many of the organizations who benefit from what you are attempting to change keep our natural resources safe. They recycle, provide education, and are good stewards of the land. This bill would end their funding and with it end the good work that they do. I ask that you reflect on Missouri's beauty and how it is kept beautiful.



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WITNESS NAME: SHANE HILTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Stanberry school district has created a recycling program through the support of our Solid Waste District, and our program has grown throughout our community. Without their guidance, our recycling program wouldn't be possible.



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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON "MADDIE" EARNEST		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I am passionate about diverting waste when possible. EarthDay365 has been a great teacher and provided me personally with education and knowledge that helped me be a better steward of our resources in Missouri. This organization also has supported the non-profit where I work and helped us make changes to divert our own event waste and educate the people we work with.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON HEFFERNAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The next hearing for HB2761 is Thursday, January 29. Please act today!

Please take action by:

Submitting opposing testimony
Sharing this email, our Instagram post or our Facebook post
Contacting members of the Government Efficiency Committee directly

Sample Testimony (You may copy and personalize):

Dear [Representative Name],

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

It's a community treasure, please protect it.



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WITNESS NAME: SHARON CASTEEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please vote No!!! We need recycling for the earth!!!



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WITNESS NAME: SHARON HAYDEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Passing this bill would significantly damage the recycling mechanics of the state of Missouri. And it would damage the program of handling hazardous waste materials. It would harm education in dealing the these products to keep wastes out of nature.



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WITNESS NAME: SHAWN FINNEGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill because of the detrimental impact it will have on my community's (City of Webster Groves) waste reduction programming. Here in Webster Groves, our community has directly benefitted from grant funding provided by our local District (the St. Louis-Jefferson SWMD). In recent years, a part-time sustainability coordinator position was first established with grant funding in 2022 (local JOBS). Then in 2023, Webster Groves was awarded funding to install 44 new recycling canisters in our business districts which DIVERT 440 lbs. of waste from the landfill EVERY WEEK. Additionally, many of our community waste reduction programs partner with LOCAL organizations that rely on District funding, including:

MRC Recycling – Our annual electronic waste recycling partner
earthday365 – Our Green Dining District program that helps restaurants reduce waste
Ripple Glass – Our glass recycling program partner
Republic Services – Our business district recycling hauler
Spectrum Ecycle Solutions – Our annual holiday string light recycling partner
St. Louis Composting – Our annual pumpkin composting partner

The SWMDs are the behind the scenes facilitators making things happen, diverting waste, supporting jobs/organizations/programming/education in our local communities all across the state.

Please vote NO on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: SHEA RAMEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHEILA VOSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Mr. Bell

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

The City Sewing Room is a great community space offering classes and supplies. It also teaches kids in our community how to sew.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you,
Sheila Voss
2200 LaSalle St.
St. Louis, MO 63104



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WITNESS NAME: SHELBY MOHAR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to oppose HB 2761, which fundamentally undermines Missouri's waste reduction infrastructure under the guise of administrative reform.

Missouri's current waste management district system works. Local districts understand their communities' unique waste challenges—rural agricultural waste differs from urban industrial waste. HB 2761 dissolves these districts and their specialized knowledge, replacing local expertise with centralized decision-making that cannot respond effectively to regional needs.

The bill's treatment of grant funding is particularly concerning. Currently, 61% of waste disposal fees are guaranteed to fund nonprofit waste reduction programs—organizations that keep materials out of landfills through composting, recycling, and reuse initiatives. HB 2761 eliminates this guarantee and dissolves the advisory board that ensures transparent, merit-based grant allocation. Without the advisory board's oversight, grant decisions become opaque. Without the 61% guarantee, funding becomes unreliable.

Worse, the bill eliminates the 5-year waiting period before redirecting unallocated grant funds. This creates a perverse incentive: slow-walk grant distribution, then redirect the money to enforcement operations. Nonprofits doing prevention work will starve while the department expands its regulatory apparatus.

The bill also removes conflict-of-interest protections for grant decisions—a baffling change that invites exactly the kind of misuse that erodes public trust.

I support the property disclosure requirements for known waste disposal sites. That's responsible policy. But these reasonable provisions don't justify dismantling a functional waste reduction system.

Missouri's nonprofits are doing critical environmental work with limited resources. HB 2761 makes their funding uncertain, their oversight unclear, and their future precarious. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.??????????????????



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WITNESS NAME: SHELBY WALSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

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These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERRY SANNING		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill. It is bad for local businesses and more importantly the environment.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERYL ROSE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose this bill to strip funding from organizations which keep unnecessary wastes out of landfills. My garbage is composted and used to nourish vegetable gardens, instead of going to a landfill where it creates environmentally damaging gases. Turning food waste into useful fertilizer is good for Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: SID CONKLIN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-690-4753	
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CITY: HUNTSVILLE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65259
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WITNESS NAME: SILVER MCKIE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 2761 because I think funding small locally managed small waste programs is essential to keeping material out of the landfill. They have a proven track record, and additionally, provide local jobs and services to the general community.



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WITNESS NAME: SOPHIA COON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I stand strongly in opposition to this bill. Passing this bill would put Missouri jobs, educational opportunities, and the health of our state's land at risk. While I support raising fees paid at the landfill, I believe dismantling solid waste divisions would be catastrophic for Missouri's efforts to manage the effects of climate change, keep land and waterways clean, and ensure a stable and prosperous future for our children.



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Dear Committee and House of Representatives,
I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

An organization personal to me that would be affected by this is the City Sewing Room. The City Sewing Room relies on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. They provide so many amazing services to the community with education of sewing, quilting & embroidery, fabric resources for an accessible cost for hobbyists, and provides workspace for projects. They are able to provide things that make them a unique resource that many other cities do not have at their capacity.

These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: STACEY SAVAGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Keep waste out of the landfills. If products can be recycled they should be. It's a public service.



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As a mother and local St. Louis resident, I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations across Missouri rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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With no effective efforts to recycle in the city I have opted to support New Earth farm for my recycling needs. They need the support of this funding to continue their outreach and education to the community on the importance of reducing methane and the effects on the environment



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As a Licensed Social Worker and MO resident, I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, City Sewing Room, STL Art Works, Home Sweet Home, and more rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees --- not general tax dollars -- and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

As a community based Licensed Social Worker, I partner with the impacted non-profits on a daily basis. There is absolutely no replacement for these organizations. These organizations are unique, effective, and bridge gaps that our citizens need. For example, Home Sweet Home takes furniture that would otherwise be in a landfill and stocks in their warehouse. I refer clients (including families who sleep on their floor with zero furniture, victims of domestic violence, victims of natural disasters, etc.), and Home Sweet Home furnishes their home free of charge. This has been life changing -- a child once told me that he never had a bed before, and Home Sweet Home gave him an entire bedroom set. Single mothers have called me in tears expressing their gratitude for Home Sweet Home. I remember a mother crying from gratitude because HSH gave her a dining room table. She had dreamed of being able to sit at the dining room table with her children every night and hearing about their days over dinner. This was a simple luxury I had taken for granted in my own childhood. For this family, HSH gave them this opportunity.

Organizations like STL Art Works is another grant beneficiary, who upcycle materials and provide incredible supports to our community. They provide unmatched support to local youth. I have referred countless underprivileged youth to this program -- all of which have gone on to graduate high school; many were first generation high school graduates. They often credited STL Art Works for being an imperative reason they graduated high school. The funding STL Art Works received both improves the community and outcomes of local youth. During an ice-breaker at work recently, we were asked what non-profit we would give \$1 million if we had it. I said STL Art Works. They have paid apprenticeships for local youth, where they learn financial literacy, receive environmental education, receive educational supports for school, and learn about sustainable ways they can improve their community. The youth host local art shows with art they create with upcycled materials. One of the youth I referred to STL Art Works called me after she completed her apprenticeship. She asked me, "Can I please never stop going? I am learning so much and love every minute!"

City Sewing Room is an incredibly unique and important non-profit to our community. It teaches our neighbors how to sew and reuse materials, instead of purchasing fast fashion that will wind up in our landfills. They have taught countless youth on my caseload how to sew and upcycle materials. This led to one of my clients enrolling in college to major in textiles/fashion design. He aspires to continue creating clothing using sustainable, upcycled materials.

These are just a few stories of the countless ways this funding is imperative to our community. Our community depends on these organizations to bridge gaps for unmet needs, provide invaluable education and resources, and create a more sustainable society. Revoking this funding would directly harm the community in inconceivable ways. There are no other resources like the ones offered through these non-profits. I cannot express how grateful I am for the grant assistance non-profits receive through this funding.

Please vote NO on HB and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GOODEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to share my opposition and concerns regarding HB2761 and SB1586, which propose the dissolution of all solid waste management districts and an increase in the tipping fee to \$2.50 per ton. While some districts may not be functioning effectively and are underfunded, there are several that are well-managed and fiscally responsible. Saline and Pettis Counties, for example, are part of Region F, which has demonstrated strong oversight, accountability, and effective use of district funds. Rather than eliminating all solid waste management districts and transferring full control to the State, we respectfully propose a compromise:

consolidate underperforming/underfunded districts while allowing well-managed, properly funded districts to continue fulfilling their responsibilities.

This approach is especially important given the ongoing needs across Missouri. Currently, there are 12 abandoned or closed landfills that require monitoring and remediation—responsibilities that fall directly to solid waste management districts. Additionally, Missouri has 16 active landfills that depend on district-level oversight and coordination.

Eliminating all districts risks disrupting effective programs, reducing local accountability, and delaying critical environmental responsibilities. A targeted consolidation approach would preserve what is working while addressing areas that need improvement.

Additionally, expanding state government while diminishing local control is not a sound solution, and the proposal to eliminate solid waste districts is a prime example. Transferring additional responsibilities to the Department of Natural Resources—an agency already understaffed and overburdened—will not resolve the problem and is more likely to exacerbate it.

If the state believes a particular district has failed to meet its statutory or contractual obligations, such as landfill mitigation, then it should use the tools already available: pursue legal action or fully fund the district so it can carry out its responsibilities. One or two underperforming districts should not be allowed to undermine the substantial progress being made by those that are functioning properly. Increased state control is not the answer.



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Keeping communities connected.

Stephanie Poelker

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.

Be sure to include your address, or at least your zip code, so the committee knows these comments are coming from the Missourians they have committed to serve.

You will need to verify your email address after you submit for your comment to be recorded, which simply entails clicking a button in the follow up email.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Nick Kimble,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees-not general tax dollars-and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room has provided me a place to gather with other people in my community to learn a valuable skill, and help others learn too.

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WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-4601	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 1648 EAST ELM STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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I strongly disagree with hb 2761

Why would you in good sense eliminate a program that promotes recycling,illegal dump clean ups,education,electronic waste recycling,and provides help to non profits for recycling. Someone must have an agenda to propose such a bill. Smarter minds should see through this hoax.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN BENNEROTTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in strong support of continuing solid mate waste management as it is! Please do not remove it through a bad bill!!



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN KOHLHAGEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

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Since 2021 I have used New Earth Farm Composting Services. We collect our food waste as well as used paper towels that do not contain cleaning products to add to the composting process. Thus diverting food garbage from entering the sewers. I highly suggest members voting on this bill recognize the harm you will be doing if you vote for this bill.

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Our school works very hard to reduce our impact on the planet by reducing the amount of waste we produce. Our students work in collaboration with teachers to make sure we are responsible with our efforts to protect our planet. We also have composting and a green house the promotes growing education in agriculture and native flora in our area for pollinators.
signed, an educator that believes in teaching students environmental responsibility.



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WITNESS NAME: SUZANNE HART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to any reduction in funding for the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and any attempts to remove the District's ability to fund local organizations and projects. The organizations and projects currently funded by the District provide meaningful services and benefits to and improve the quality of life for Missourians in the District's service area. These projects and organizations also play a significant role in reducing landfill waste, which is a long-term positive for the region and the state.



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Missourians work hard to ensure clean and healthy environments. Please don't undermine local efforts with proven track records of delivering results.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: TAMARA RAE SZABO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 2761 would dissolve the solid waste management districts, eliminating a critical system that supports local recycling, waste reduction, and responsible disposal programs across the state. This would increase environmental and public health risks. It also eliminates the Missouri Solid Waste Board within DNR. Without local-level districts or a state-level advisory board, I have serious concerns about what waste management oversight will look like. With a growing population creating waste and new types of chemicals found in our waste, such as PFAS and bioplastics, eliminating solid waste governmental entities is a terrible idea. I want to protect Missouri's beautiful environment for the sake of human health, and it is the right thing to do!



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WITNESS NAME: TARA MORTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I wish to offer my opinion of opposition to HB 2761 as an individual resident of St. Louis. If funding is stripped from St. Louis -Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, many of our most valuable nonprofit institutions in the region (Perennial, Earth Day 365, Missouri Botanical Garden, etc.) would lose important programs that help keep our landfills from being overused. These important funds are spent right in our local community and provide local jobs and resources, critical now more than ever. With the city's cuts to our recycling program, we need sustainable solutions like that funding provides. Please reconsider supporting this bill.

Tara Morton



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WITNESS NAME: TARYN KOHL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Earthday365 does integral work keeping the St. Louis area clean, keeping over 13 million pounds out of landfills in just 2025. It's an organization full of Missourians who love this place and care deeply about protecting it. This bill would affect organizations just like this across the state in towns big and small, including towns Missouri legislators and their families live in.

Please vote No on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local authority. Thank you for your consideration.



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**This is a blatantly ignorant bill which will only do harm to St Louis, Missouri, and the world itself.
Funding should be increased for conservation, recycling, and education on these things, rather than cut**



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Dear Representative Banderman and Government Efficiency Committee members:

My name is Teresa Bradley, and live in Hermann, MO. As the President of the National Recycling Coalition, and member of MORA, I work with State Recycling Organization's across many midwestern states in communities to promote responsible resource consumption and proper waste management techniques.

HB 2761 would eliminate the only dedicated funding stream that Missouri municipalities — especially our smallest rural towns — rely on to manage solid waste safely and affordably.

MORA works alongside many Solid Waste Management Districts that make local decisions through a variety of resource sharing that includes webinars, workshops, its annual conference and member meeting. At the District level, County commissioners, non-profits, mayors, public works staff, and community representatives sit at the table and decide which projects matter most in their region. It ensures that dollars go to the projects that solve real problems on the ground.

Many Waste Management Districts provide hands-on technical support to rural towns that often have no public works staff, no grant writers, and no access to private haulers. Without that support, many communities would lose recycling access entirely. Additionally, many districts manage resources for e-waste collection events, HHW, tire recycling and other needed Hard-to-Recycle options for responsible waste recycling. If the districts are removed there could be an increase in illegal dumping, more toxins leached into the nearby Missouri communities and disposal costs could rise.

HB 2761 eliminates funding, eliminates expertise, and eliminates local control. It would leave Missouri's municipalities with fewer services, higher costs, and no regional partners to help them.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2761.



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I support City Sewing Room And the good charitable work they do. plus they are keeping tons of fabric out of the landfills. some of the things they do that I've been involved with and a friend has helped is to create blankets or doll clothes for charitable organizations and we go and use the free fabric there and donate our time to create items for children or veterans etc. So not only is it saving stuff from going in the landfills, it is helping other organizations and people in need.



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Right now, these funds support hundreds of community organizations and small businesses across Missouri that:

- Keep recyclable and compostable materials out of landfills
- Create local jobs in waste management and support local economies
- Deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy

Across Missouri, hundreds of programs depend on these grants. If HB2761 passes, the effect would be enormous—leading to millions of tons of additional waste going into landfills, increased environmental and public health risks, and setbacks for local economies.



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We need amazing solid waste and recycling programs that provide creative solutions to the problem of built up and reusable resources in our community!! This funding makes a big difference to small budgets and allows groups that provide these services to be more agile, effective, and serve a greater portion of our communities. I feel like these funds are well spent when they go to non-profits and businesses such as City Sewing Room and B Works in St Louis!!



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While I believe that inefficiency in government is a large problem that should be addressed, I also wonder how taking money from rural counties (for recycling services and other waste initiatives) and giving it to DNR serves the State of Missouri. Is this really a correction of inefficiency rather than an assumption of more power by one department?

Just as I believe our State representatives have a better understanding of our needs than the Federal Government, I also believe that city and county representatives have more intimate knowledge of the benefits that the current waste districts provide. Please do not support a bill that adds a small amount of money (percentage wise) to DNR at the cost of losing valuable services to small communities in rural counties. A disagreement on the use of funds from nearly twenty years ago should not void the great work being done in the state through the waste districts. Thank you for the opportunity to make this statement.



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The City of Joplin and the surrounding communities have directly benefited from the work of Region M, an organization this bill would eliminate. Based on my experience, Region M operates effectively and efficiently in Southwest Missouri, ensuring that funds are appropriately distributed where they are most needed to best serve our communities.

Nearly eight years ago, I helped run Joplin Recycling. During that time, I saw firsthand the value of having knowledgeable staff physically present in the region, not merely reviewing reports from afar, but actively observing local needs, interacting with stakeholders, and overseeing the responsible use of public funds. That local presence allowed Region M to act quickly, appropriately, and with accountability. It ensured that funding was not only allocated correctly, but used as intended.

Eliminating Region M would remove a strategically placed organization that is already accomplishing the very goals this Committee on Government Efficiency seeks to promote: effective oversight, fiscal responsibility, and responsive governance. For these reasons, allowing this bill to proceed appears counterproductive to the committee's mission.

I respectfully urge the committee to consider the demonstrated value Region M provides to Southwest Missouri and the unintended consequences its elimination would create.



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Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

I encourage you to attend any of earthday365's events, read about their Green Dining Alliance, or better, visit one of the participating restaurants. Those restaurants are the small businesses you proprot to care about, and they receive valuable promotion by earthday365 and are able to reduce their costs by the support they receive.

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If passed, HB2761 would strip funding from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control of those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds don't come from general taxes—they come from fees paid by landfill users, and they are currently reinvested locally to keep waste out of landfills in the first place. Missouri has no reason to change this. Don't mess with what is working!



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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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Do not let this happen			



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SWMD funded the organization Passback through a grant. This grant is one of few that funds labor and creates jobs. As a nonprofit startup, Passback also operates on very little funding and a lot of volunteer work. This grant is its biggest to date and helps the organization divert literal tons of plastic from landfills, reduce waste, reduce carbon emissions, and promote community health benefits by helping more kids play sports by redistributing resources to underserved communities. Do not put this critical work at risk.



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Our local MARC SWMD is very well run and impactful. SWMD use of tipping fees for funding, and other aspects of waste diversion increases the efficiency of MO's natural resources. SWMD is a productive way to support business and industry. SWMD has been highly impactful to local production of foods.



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I moved to St. louis last year. City Sewing Room, Perennial, and the Missouri botanical gardens have helped build my St. louis community. They are the sole reason I don't take my resources and dollars back to a larger city from where I originally am from, and I know they have done the same for other new St. louis residents.



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The organizations you are threatening to cut funding to in St. Louis are the backbone of our community. This is a vulgar, small minded, attack on connected, vital, long term advocates for environmental and community action. How dare you.



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ELECTRONIC TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB2761			

Committee: Government Efficiency
Hearing Date: January 29, 2026
Bill: HB2761 (Banderman)
Position: OPPOSED

Witness Information:
Tracey Coronado
Former Solid Waste Management District O Intern
Current Sustainability Coordinator at Missouri State University

Qualifications:

I am testifying in opposition to HB2761. I am qualified to speak on this matter through my direct experience with Missouri's solid waste management system. I served as an intern for Solid Waste Management District O for two years and, as Sustainability Coordinator, have been a district grant recipient through Missouri State University. I have also completed a Bachelor's degree in Geography and Geology with a certificate in Globalization and Sustainability and am nearing completion of a Master's degree in Geography with a graduate level certificate in Sustainability. Through this work, I have developed expertise in ecosystems, local geology and geography, and sustainability practices that balance environmental, economic, and social considerations. I have also witnessed firsthand how the district system enables innovative, community-responsive waste reduction and recycling projects across Southwest Missouri.

Please recognize that the following views are not necessarily representative of Missouri State University. I have not consulted with university leadership to assess their stance on this matter.

Statement of Opposition:

I urge the committee to oppose HB2761, which would dissolve Missouri's 20 solid waste management districts and centralize all grant administration at the state level while simultaneously significantly undercutting the funding available for solid waste grants. This legislation fundamentally misunderstands why Missouri's decentralized approach to solid waste management has been successful for over three decades and why it is important to the well-being of communities and of the state as a whole.

Missouri's District System Works Because It Is Local

Since 1992, Missouri's solid waste management districts have awarded millions of dollars in grants tailored to the specific needs of different regions across our state. The current system recognizes a fundamental truth: waste management challenges in rural areas differ dramatically from those in urban centers, and tourist-dependent economies face different issues than manufacturing regions, to name a few examples.

District O, where I worked, has funded various projects that have strengthened our communities by assisting various organizations with acquisition of bins for the collection of recyclable materials, educational installations at local museums and in local schools, turning food waste into compost or food for the needy, and recycling equipment that has helped to make recycling available and accessible in the district in the first place. This funding also allows residents of the District O community to take hazardous household chemicals to be recycled free of charge. If residents had to pay a fee for this service it would become much less accessible and the incidences of toxic chemicals in the landfill would increase as a result.

These are not cookie-cutter solutions. They are responses to actual community needs identified by people who live and work in these communities. These projects have made a difference in the quality of life of everyone in the district and have helped to bolster the local economy. This, in turn, helps to bolster the overall economy of the state of Missouri.

Centralization Will Create Bureaucratic Barriers

HB2761 proposes eliminating the district councils and executive boards. These are the very people who understand local waste streams, know which industries are struggling with recycling costs, and can identify localized and industry-wide emerging waste challenges before they become crises. Replacing this local knowledge with a centralized grant system in Jefferson City will result in:

1. **Slower response times:** Currently, districts can identify needs and award grants within a single fiscal year. Centralizing this process through DNR will add layers of bureaucracy and delay.
2. **Loss of local expertise:** District staff know their communities' recycling infrastructure, waste haulers, and specific challenges. A state administrator in Jefferson City cannot replicate this knowledge across 20 regions.
3. **Reduced innovation:** Many of the most successful district grants fund pilot projects that test new approaches. Centralized systems tend to favor proven, scalable solutions over local innovation, which would substantially reduce opportunities for advances in waste reduction
4. **Weaker accountability:** Districts are accountable to local councils composed of elected officials from member cities and counties. State-level administration removes this direct democratic oversight.

The Math Doesn't Add Up

HB2761 eliminates the statutory requirement that 61% of tonnage fee revenues go to districts, instead making all funding discretionary through appropriations. The bill increases the tonnage fee to \$2.50 (from approximately \$2.11), but removes the guaranteed funding stream that has supported local grants for decades.

It is unlikely that the appropriated amount will match what districts currently receive, and there is no statutory requirement that grants reach communities across all 20 former district regions. Rural and smaller communities, already struggling with recycling access, will be forced to compete with urban areas for limited state grant dollars.

This Hurts Innovation at Educational Institutions and Nonprofits

As a grant recipient through Missouri State University and former intern at District O, I have seen how this funding enables educational institutions, small nonprofits, and community organizations to implement projects that would otherwise be impossible. Missouri State University's recycling improvements were possible because District O staff understood our campus and community needs.

Under a centralized system, we would compete with hundreds of applicants statewide, potentially losing out to larger entities with more grant-writing capacity.

The Landfill Problem

Furthermore, many communities lack the infrastructure, appropriate terrain, and capital to safely develop new landfills once the current ones reach capacity. The district grant program has enabled communities to extend the lifespan of current landfills and could continue to do so to increasing degrees year over year if left in place, thereby saving state and local governments time and money both in establishing new landfills and remediating former sites.

The bill's provision allowing grants to "facilities of organizations employing individuals with disabilities" is commendable as is the desire to create a fund for remediation of historical landfill sites, but dismantling a system that has proven successful and is integral to diverting waste from our landfills is not an appropriate solution.

Follow the Model That Works

Missouri's district system has been studied and praised by other states considering regional waste management approaches. Rather than dismantling this model, we should be strengthening it. If there are concerns about district accountability or performance, address those specifically—but do not throw out a successful 34-year-old system in favor of untested, and likely inequitable, centralization.

Conclusion

HB2761 claims to improve efficiency, but it actually makes Missouri's waste management less efficient by:

- Removing local decision-making authority
- Reducing accessibility to sustainable waste management, for rural areas especially
- Creating state-level bottlenecks
- Eliminating guaranteed funding for community grants
- Severing the connection between waste generation and local solutions
- Accelerating landfill capacity depletion, forcing expensive facility closures and new site development to occur more frequently

I urge you to vote NO on HB2761 and preserve Missouri's successful, community-driven approach to solid waste management. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Coronado



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WITNESS NAME: TRACY BROSCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would strip funding from the St.Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and hand control those funds to the Department of Natural Resources. These funds are currently redistributed for local environmental action across our state helping to keep waste out of landfills.



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I strongly oppose HB2761. I am a resident of St. Louis, Missouri (63116) who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote NO on HB2761.



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I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. St. Louis benefits from locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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WITNESS NAME: TRISHA PFLANTZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a resident of University City, Mo. (zip code 63130) who has benefited from multiple programs funded by the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District (SWMD), I am writing to oppose the adoption of HB2761.

The existing system in which regional SWMDs distribute landfill tipping fee funds via grants is a proven way of supporting environmental practices such as curbside recycling and composting. Those services will not be as cost-effective and efficient - and thus, not as widely available to consumers - if the grant money is diverted from this funding stream to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The city of University City, where I live, has received grants to support its extensive recycling program. In addition, New Earth Farms (a St. Louis composting company of which I am a long-time customer) also receives this funding.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year. Their records show that my four-person household has diverted more than 500 pounds of food waste from landfills in the past calendar year - and nearly 2,000 pounds of food waste since I became a customer in 2021. Multiply that impact across the many households that rely on New Earth for composting, and there is a significant impact on the amount of waste diverted from our landfills. The small businesses and government entities that receive money through SWMD grants create jobs, understand the needs of their local customers, and have developed proven methods of keeping our landfills from overflowing.

I would ask that you vote NO on HB2761 so that the current grant system stays in place.



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WITNESS NAME: TYLER TRAVERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: KANBE's MARKETS		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME: VERONICA WHEELHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Closing the only recycling center within a five-county radius would likely lead to more waste ending up in landfills, increasing pollution and filling limited landfill space more quickly. Residents would have fewer convenient options to recycle, causing higher travel costs, increased fuel use, and more vehicle emissions. The loss of the center could also result in job losses and reduced compliance with recycling regulations. Without easy access, recycling participation would likely decline, wasting valuable reusable resources and potentially increasing illegal dumping. Overall, closing the center would harm the environment, place extra burdens on residents, and weaken the community's commitment to sustainability.



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WITNESS NAME: VERONICA WHITEMORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This bill would have a heavy impact on organizations in my community (St Louis city) that work hard to make our city more sustainable. They work tirelessly and with small budgets. The grants they currently receive, and that this bill would remove, allow them to stay operational. Do not push our city in the wrong direction of environmentalism and sustainability, we literally cannot afford it.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: VIANCA CUEVAS SOULETTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Solid Waste Management grant is supporting Passback's organization that have been able to divert 11tons of plastic and metals from landfills and at the same time help over 6,000 kids in Saint Louis receive equipment to play sports. I seen this kids happiness and I seen the tonnage diversion impact and the commitment to create more circular economies.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: VICKY HOFFMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The impact that local waste reduction organizations have on waste reduction is important. Not only do they reduce waste they also create opportunities for community, education, life skills, and art. Please don't cause them to loose their funding.



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WITNESS NAME: VICTORIA ROSE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Representative

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfills user fees- not general tax dollars- and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Dear Missouri Government Efficiency Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365, Perennial, City Sewing Room, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Brightside, Ripple Glass, Remains and others rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Perennial (I donate and shop here and have attended classes)

City Sewing Room (I have donated here and hope to attend classes one day)

Missouri Botanical Gardens (an institution many of us know and love)

Brightside (I have personally volunteered, and they support monthly neighborhood cleanups)

Ripple Glass (I donate all of our household glass here weekly)

Remains (I donate leftover textiles here for recycling)

earthday365 (they run the Earth Day Festival in Forest Park and organize year-round environmental initiatives)

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WITNESS NAME: VIRGINIA DORN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

City Sewing Room is an excellent community resource. I've taken classes there to learn to use my sewing machine, a valuable skill that I will use for life to help minimize waste in my own home.

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WITNESS NAME: VIRGINIA FLYNN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: VIVIAN PARTRIDGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I strongly oppose HB2761 as a Missouri resident who has benefitted from programs funded by the SWMDs.

The existing system of regional SWMDs distributing the landfill tipping fee funds via grant cycle is proven, supports small businesses and local nonprofits who themselves create jobs and know the needs of their communities, and is already highly efficient.

Small businesses like New Earth Farm rely on these funds to continue the work of keeping hundreds of thousands of pounds of food waste out of the landfill each year.

Vote no on HB2761.



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WITNESS NAME: WARREN JAMES DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am opposed to HB2761. Eliminating currently existing solid waste management districts will also eliminate or curtail the existing grants that fund collection of e-waste. Educating the public about the importance of e-waste recycling and collecting such e-waste, which contains a host of metals that can be recycled, is critical.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: WENDY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CALERES		TITLE: TERRITORY MANAGER
ADDRESS:		
CITY: WILDOMAR	STATE: CA	ZIP: 92595
EMAIL: wroso@caleres.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 3:02 PM
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Dear Rep,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like earthday365 rely on these funds to keep millions of pounds of waste from landfills each year, educate the public, and support Missouri businesses in adapting effective recycling and composting systems. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: WESTON ZLATNIK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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Dear Brad Banderman,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

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WITNESS NAME: WILLA MIRANDY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 12:09 AM
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I strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, delivering real environmental benefits, and reinvesting both economically and socially in our communities.

Organizations like City Sewing Room rely on these funds to divert thousands of pounds of waste from the landfill every week. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy, and, since these funds come from landfill user fees, not general tax dollars, without really asking anything much from the state in the first place. The money should continue to be reinvested locally where it is most effective. It's less efficient to try and reinvent the wheel than to stick with a system that is already functioning and in place.



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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM MARRS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-848-8561	
REPRESENTING: CITY OF SPRINGFIELD		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 223 E CAPITOL AVE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: govservicesjcmo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2026 8:49 AM

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The City of Springfield is opposed to this bill as written. We would prefer to see municipally owned landfills as exempted at a minimum or to see this targeted more at bad actors versus creating a statewide policy that we do not feel provides local control for municipalities to dispose of solid waste in the way they see fit.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLOW ROSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 9:08 AM
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Dear Representative Wesley Bell,

I am writing to strongly oppose HB2761. This bill would eliminate funding for locally managed solid waste programs that have a proven track record of reducing landfill waste, supporting local jobs, and delivering real environmental benefits.

Organizations like City Sewing Room, earthday365 and so many more, rely on these funds to divert at least 2,600 pounds of waste from the landfill weekly. These programs deliver real, measurable environmental impact without expanding state bureaucracy. These funds come from landfill user fees—not general tax dollars—and should continue to be reinvested locally where they are most effective.

These organizations divert waste in tangible and useful ways while also building community and fostering connection. They make St. Louis a city people want to visit and move to.

Please vote NO on HB2761 and support keeping landfill diversion funds under local control, where they are transparent, accountable, and working.

Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: ZACH NILSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As a resident of St. Louis, I have utilized and supported many of the affected organizations - my bike was purchased from BWorks, and I've attended workshops at Perennial. These organizations do vital work in reducing waste while also meeting community needs. I oppose this reduction in funding for these organizations.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ANGIE SNYDER		PHONE NUMBER: 417-360-5021	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT O		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 205 PARK CENTRAL EAST, SUITE 205, ROOM 204			
CITY: SPRINGFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65806
EMAIL: angie@recycle417.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2026 3:56 PM

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Our agency, Solid Waste Management District O, funds a variety of programs aimed at waste reduction and diversion. While this means we fund plenty of projects for recycling (bins, trucks, other equipment), we also fund many programs that are focused on feeding the hungry, poverty reduction, and building community. Grantees include local cities and counties, non-profits, and businesses. Grant recipients for the last 3 years are listed on our website, Recycle417.com.

Our district covers 5 counties: Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk and Webster. We provide funding so that all residents outside of Springfield and Greene County can access the City of Springfield's Household Chemical Collection Center, a vital service that would otherwise not be available to them.

We partner with Springfield Community Gardens to divert edible food to needy communities rather than throwing it in the trash. Those communities have included the unsheltered, senior citizens, and those accessing food banks.

We partner with Springfield Victory Mission on projects to divert textiles and prevent food waste, and most recently on mattress recycling. This is an innovative partnership we are hoping to replicate statewide. Victory Mission's programs provide job training for individuals who have been unsheltered or in jail.

We partner with Community Outreach Ministries in Bolivar to provide basic recycling, increased capacity for their food pantry, and support for their textile collections. These programs support job skills for those in need within their community.

We have partnered with the Downtown Springfield Association to provide glass recycling for local businesses. Glass is highly recyclable, but often hard to collect.

We have partnered with municipalities like Buffalo and Ash Grove, and counties such as Christian and Polk, to provide recycling services to their communities.

We have partnered with Think Big Foundation to support a local textile recycling program, which in turn supports the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters in our community.

We are more than trash and recycling. We are a vital part of our local community. Our program awards over \$350,000 in grants to organizations in our community every year.



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The North Missouri Solid Waste Management District (NMSWMD) 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.

The NMSWMD is a minimum funded district receiving \$95,000.00 per year. NMSWMD uses 50% of the funding for district operation and plan implementation and the other 50% is allocated to provide financial assistance to cities, counties, non-profits and other organizations that will develop new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste, or will create new markets or improve markets for recovered material, or will improve the handling of items banned from landfills by Missouri law.

With the elimination of the Districts, the local control of District funds would be moved to MDNR. The local control of awarding grants to our local cities, counties, non-profits and other organizations would also be eliminated and moved to MDNR, with no assurances that our District would continue to receive the 50% allocation of \$47,500.00. This may not seem like a lot of money but our local sheltered workshops, and city and county governments depend on it every year. It would seem that without significant additional staff, MDNR would fund larger projects not hundreds of small ones. The rural areas of Missouri would not be able to score high enough when competing with the larger companies and urban areas of the state. Recycling has grown in Missouri because there are local districts established to implement programs tailored to meet local needs across the state. When the solid waste law was passed over 30 years ago, the intent was to place responsibility for solid waste planning and implementing of solid waste programs at the regional and local level.

NMSWMD does more than just grant administration. With administration and plan implementation funds (\$47,500.00), the District provides solid waste management planning to our 11 counties and the 74 cities and villages in our region. Local districts provide education and information on recycling, waste reduction, and composting; provide technical assistance to citizens, schools, businesses, and local governments; help with program implementation; provide local expertise in a large variety of subject areas; assist with regulatory compliance and reporting, provide financial resources to help with projects, and conduct recycling programs and special/banned items recycling events including household hazardous waste (paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, etc.), tires, appliances, batteries, and electronics. With plan implementation funds, the district also transports recycling trailers to be processed and offers battery recycling buckets to collect batteries. This effort has been

very successful with the amount of funding that we receive.

The Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) would be eliminated under HB 2761. The SWAB was established to provide a direct link between local government and MDNR for the exchange of information and ideas.

HB 2761 would eliminate local control, eliminate the solid waste districts which are a valuable resource to the patrons of Missouri, eliminate SWAB, and give all of the control to MDNR.

The North Missouri Solid Waste Management District is available to provide any additional information needed and is also available to discuss any of the issues presented in this response.



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Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Ashley Swartz and I am the Executive Director of Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission. Our organization administers the Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District J (SWMD), which serves six very rural counties in West Central Missouri.

I am providing testimony to the Committee in reference to HB 2761 – “Modifies requirements relating to solid waste management”, and the impact of this bill on our minimally funded SWMD and rural communities.

Since its inception, the Quad-Lakes SWMD program has funded a variety of recycling projects that have benefitted sheltered workshops, school districts, community centers, cities and counties. Through the infusion of approximately \$855,000.00 into the region over the life of the program, projects such as playgrounds made of recycled materials provide exercise and wellness for students and youth; new and upgraded equipment has helped sheltered workshops operate more effectively and efficiently and employ more people; household hazardous waste, tires, electronics and other recyclable materials have been diverted from landfills and being illegally dumped, and repurposed into useful materials; state park recycling equipment purchased to keep nature beautiful; recycled rubberized surface projects have provided community benefits such as an 8-lane track, safety surfaces for school and community playgrounds; playgrounds and play surfaces for community daycare programs. The list goes on.

The local control structure of the SWMD program ensures funds are directed to meaningful projects, provides continued economic development, and much needed funding for these types of efforts in a region where rural communities struggle with the dollars and resources to make these projects a reality.

I respectfully request the solid waste management districts remain in-tact and available for all of Missouri, and most importantly the rural areas of Missouri that rely on this type of funding to manifest community-centric recycling efforts.

Respectfully,
Ashley Swartz - Executive Director
Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission



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Testimony submitted to the Missouri House Government Efficiency Committee

Provided by Chris Bussen, Solid Waste Advisory Board Chair

Thursday, January 29th, 2026 8:00am

The Solid Waste Advisory Board, or SWAB is made up of the chairs of each of the 20 solid waste districts. The Board also includes representatives from the hauling industry, the composting industry, the recycling industry and a member of the public. We meet 7 times per year in Jeff City to work on improving the industry and streamlining solid waste services to citizens.

The district boards are made up of county commissioners, mayors, council members, aldermen and city and county staff. District staff, which is usually one to two people, administer the services and respond to public concerns.

Last year, in the SWAB Annual Report, you can find 137 different grants that were funded spread out across the state. You can also find 29 grants requests, which qualified for funding, but the funding ran out. There are also 40 requests that did not make the grade and were not funded.

If you do the math, that's 206 grant requests processed last year, over a 36 year period, that's 7,416 grants received, reviewed, either approved or denied, and tens of millions of dollars spent, accounted for, and audited. Funds used to divert tens of millions of pounds of materials from landfills and re-used as raw materials into new products back into the community. Most of those products used by local companies to the benefit of local citizens.

Some of these grants go to support sheltered workshops. The district did have to deny \$125,000 in grant requests from workshops since 2020. District personnel are the stewards of grant money. If your application doesn't make the grade, your not getting funded, including sheltered workshops. The fact is sheltered workshops are great partners of the districts. Some sort materials, some bale materials, all of it benefits the community and especially those working in the workshops.

At least 50% of the money districts receive must go out into the community through grant projects. The other 50% is spent on implementing a solid waste plan, which is approved by the state. The second 50% pays for the employee to manage the grants, roll out the solid waste plan, and connect local contacts in order to create new programs and answer the community's questions about solid waste.

So in the minimally funded districts, of which there are 7, which is 35% of the districts, they receive \$95,000 per year to manage. Let's do that math.

\$47,500 must be distributed through grants, that leaves \$47,500 for plan implementation, renting office space, paying for office supplies, paying for state mandated audits and the salary of the one person

who manages it all.

In one case, District B, Ann manages 11 counties by herself. Most of the upper central portion of Missouri is managed by one person. At least one of her board members travels 160 miles to attend board meetings. I've heard more than once from people who have no knowledge of what we do, that the districts should merge so we can save on administrative costs. Do you really think someone can manage two districts of 15 or 20 counties by themselves for \$47,500 dollars per year, including salaries? Do you really believe that someone from a cubicle in Jeff City can manage small local intimate programs, make the necessary local contacts and run a district or program efficiently? It's not possible, and I think anyone who thinks about it, would agree.

Now don't get me wrong, I've worked side by side with DNR staff on closing our landfill. If you need an engineer to tell you that clay compaction on the cap of a landfill needs to be 10 to the minus 7th, DNR staff can help you. But they don't work in the communities like we do.

Each district is different and knows its own needs and capabilities and what will and won't work. Locals know better how to make these programs successful.

Let's look at my district for a minute. A robust award-winning Household Hazardous Waste program. The manager of this program, Nadja, charges cities and counties a per-capita fee to be included in the program. The district pays for her salary in order to get cities to cooperate with each other to co-host 10 mobile events in the 5-county area. She also manages the contracts with two cities, who have permanent collection facilities. She has to manage 36 different city contracts every year, because money is changing hands. Do you really think Jeff City employees can do that more efficiently. Our employees also staff the events to save money, so Jeff City employees would need to contract out labor to run the events, you have more inefficiencies.

Another one of my district's programs. I used to pay \$350 to transport a 40-yard roll-off container of glass to the market in Oklahoma or St. Louis. At the time, we ran a landfill, so cash wasn't a problem. Now thanks to grant money and our district connections, Kansas City has their own glass processing facility in association with Boulevard Brewery and Owens-Corning Fiberglass. Ripple gets paid to provide glass for recycling now, thanks to district employee connections, which cannot be managed by employees in Jeff City.

The Generally Landfill in Franklin County is just a bad situation all around. Abandoned landfills in Missouri ARE a problem. SWAB understands and agrees that something must be done about fly-by-night operators who violate the law and flee the country. The 20 solid waste professionals that serve Missouri on SWAB represent every area of the state. Some have served for a year, most have served over a decade, some have served their entire professional lives. We work on solutions like the abandoned landfill problem every day, every year in our districts. Where do you recycle tires, wind turbines, solar panels, lithium-ion batteries? Our district staff serves urban neighborhoods, rural communities and everything in between. Their dedication to solving solid waste problems is unmatched and admirable. They know their communities like the back of their hand. Local community solutions are what our citizens expect of us, and that is what we deliver. Expecting DNR staff in Jeff City to understand and deliver local solutions is unreasonable and will not work.

Recycling centers are located all over the state. District planners help put city staff with local vendors and local markets to operate centers. Tens of thousands of Missouri citizens receive local services every day provided by local solid waste professionals. These programs were created by local contacts that have been developed over the last three decades.

While the Generally Landfill does not currently have a solution, many districts have already figured out a solution by charging an additional tip fee locally to pay for and manage this problem. The Phelps County Landfill Board added a local tip fee to monitor and take care of 7 old landfills in their jurisdiction. Lamar added a tip fee to repair landfill roads and put a fence around one of their abandoned landfills. Other cities add line-items in their budgets to deal with old landfills. There are other abandoned landfills like Generally that could be fixed with an increase in the tip fee. SWAB would be more than happy to assist the legislature with a solution to this problem, as long as it doesn't include gutting the efficient government practices that we have already developed over the past 36 years.

Currently the program brings a portion of tipping fees back to the region that generated those tipping fees. Proposed legislation diverts all funds to the state and DNR staff who are un-proven when it comes to delivering services. We have the personnel in districts now that can deliver services.

The districts were created as a government efficiency mechanism. Instead of requiring each city and county to develop a solid waste plan, the districts create regional plans to move progress forward. Without districts, cities and counties would have to develop their own plans.

All the progress made to date in establishing recycling, composting and waste reduction programs by districts will be lost if the districts are eliminated and the funds diverted to DNR because the agency

does not have the capability of managing all these local programs and grants. How does hiring more state employees make the program more efficient? It just makes state government bigger – and less efficient.

Thank you for your time. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



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Region D Recycling and Solid Waste Management District, in operation since 1992, runs two semi-permanent HHW collection sites in the district that are 100 percent funded through grants and require annual funding to operate. Counties and cities in the District utilize grant funds to help operate local recycling drop off centers that they might not otherwise be able to fund. The Region D board, made up of local government officials, evaluates and approves grants based on their knowledge of the area they serve and the services and programs needed. The mandatory annual grant program ensures dollars raised locally through tipping fees stay local.



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The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri has benefited from Missouri Solid Waste Management District grants. Our organization has had the opportunity to invest in additional cold storage and vital transportation needs through grant awards, and grants have helped The Food Bank divert tons of waste from the landfill. Recent grants have supported cold storage for a student pantry at Missouri S&T that helps store and share nutritious, perishable options that have been saved through Retail Rescue. In addition, recent support for the purchase of a refrigerated van and refrigerated box truck have also helped enhance our Retail Rescue capacity. Last year, The Food Bank helped divert nearly 5 million pounds of goods from landfills and share those items with neighbors in need. That effort is, in part, thanks to the support we received through Solid Waste Management grants.



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The Missouri Municipal League advocates for our 650 member cities statewide to preserve their ability to make local decisions that are best tailored for their community. Regarding HB 2761, we want to continue to preserve local control and support regional cooperation, while supporting the best use of taxpayer dollars. We recognize that this issue will evolve as discussion in the legislature continues and would like to be engaged with all parties to find the best solution that maintains local oversight of these important programs.



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January 28, 2026

Good afternoon,

I am writing in strong support of maintaining the Solid Waste Management Districts and to express concern regarding the proposed legislation (HB 2761 / SB 1586) that would eliminate them.

Our school has directly benefited from the Quad-Lakes Solid Waste Management District through two grant awards that have had a lasting, positive impact on our students and community. These grant funds allowed us to install pour-in-place playground surfacing, significantly improving the safety and accessibility of our playground. As a result, our play area is now safer for all children and fully handicapped accessible, ensuring that every student can participate equally.

Without the support and funding opportunities provided by the Solid Waste Management District, projects like this would not have been possible for our school. These grants do more than support waste management—they directly improve community infrastructure, promote safety, and enhance quality of life, especially for children.

Over the years, the Solid Waste Management Districts have reinvested \$5.72 million back into local communities across our state through grant awards for waste reduction projects. These grants support schools, municipalities, and community organizations. Eliminating the districts would remove a vital funding stream that communities rely on to complete meaningful, high-impact projects that would otherwise go unfunded.

The Solid Waste Management Districts are a proven, effective model. They provide local oversight, regional equity, and tangible benefits that are clearly visible in our schools and communities. The loss of this program would have serious and lasting consequences for our region.

I respectfully urge you to oppose legislation that would eliminate the Solid Waste Management Districts and instead continue to support and strengthen this valuable program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robin Ritchie
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