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National Solid Wastes Management Association

To: Chairwoman Lynn
From: Patrick Vogelsberg on behalf of NSWMA-KS
Date: February 14, 2013
Re: Opposition to SB 75

Madame Chair, members of the Committee, my name is Patrick Vogelsberg and I represent the Kansas Chapter of the National Solid Wastes Management Association. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on SB 75, regarding increased documentation and reporting requirements for plastic crates that are used to transport products, primarily beverages and eggs.

NSWMA is an industry and statewide trade association representing the waste and recycling services which provides valuable and sound environmental services to Kansans.

The Kansas chapter of NSWMA opposes these new regulations because they are overly burdensome, target one type of recyclable material, and would result in an overall negative impact on recycling these plastic containers.

Our concern is that we may unknowingly collect this material, and it may find its way into our recycling facility without our knowledge---yet we could incur penalties for the collection and handling of this material if we cannot produce the documents required by the legislation. We are very concerned about being put in this position.

The legislation seems to be a lot of work just for one material. Furthermore, our drivers pick up these materials in carts, roll-off boxes and compactors and have no way of knowing the origin of the material or any of the data that is required by this legislation.

While we do not know what situation has prompted SB 75, we assume there may be some unlawful activity related to procuring and selling this material that may be limited to just a few instances. We wonder whether there may be another avenue to deal with the root cause of this situation that will not result in increased recycling costs, unnecessary and overly burdensome reporting; or that negatively impacts the collection and recycling of this material.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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