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December 12, 2001

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Susan Laughlin
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Amends Waste Management Act

I will be introducing legislation to amend the Waste Management Act of 1980. This legislation is intended to prevent applicants from applying for permits that do not provide complete information and leave the process unfinished. Then the same applicant applies again, still does not complete the process, thus creating numerous open applications that are not resolved. I wish to put a stop to these habitual applicants that do not follow the process through to completion. It is my hope that this legislation will allow the department to address these incomplete and unresolved applications.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 7-4444.
Thank you.

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Hon. Arthur D. Hershey
Suite 202, Room 214
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Dear Representative Hershey,

We, as residents of Beaver County, urge you to pass House Bill 2280 out of committee with a "due pass" recommendation.

House Bill 2280 was introduced by Representative Susan Laughlin to correct a deficiency in Pennsylvania's Solid Waste Management Act, and the subsequent language in 25 Pennsylvania Code 287.221.

The Solid Waste Management Act presently allows an endless number of repermitting applications to be filed. The Department of Environmental Protection cannot make positive reclamation on abandoned landfill sites as long as a permit holder has any application on file. This allows the permit holder to prolong site closure and reclamation forever.


The operative language of Rep. Laughlin's Bill is:

"The department shall find that an applicant has shown a lack of ability or intention to comply with the provisions of this act with regard to an application for a specific facility on a specific site when that applicant has filed at least two permit applications for a specific facility on a specific site that were denied or not administratively complete within one year of the final departmental request for information from the applicant."

This means that if the applicant fails to get a permit on the third try, the permit fails. It applies the rule that, "Three strikes, you're out." It gives both the businessman and the public confidence that at this point the decision is final.

We urge you to bring HB 2280 out of file, so it can be debated and passed.

Sincerely,


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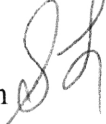
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January 7, 2003

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Susan Laughlin 

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Amends Waste Management Act

I will be re-introducing legislation to amend the Waste Management Act of 1980. This legislation is intended to prevent applicants from applying for permits that do not provide complete information and leave the process unfinished. Then the same applicant applies again, still does not complete the process, thus creating numerous open applications that are not resolved. I wish to put a stop to these habitual applicants that do not follow the process through to completion. It is my hope that this legislation will allow the department to address these incomplete and unresolved applications.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 7-4444.
Thank you.

When an applicant applies for a permit to open a residual landfill and does not complete the application according to the rules and regulations, then after a period of time this same applicant applies again for another permit for this same site and again fails to complete the application and after another period of time applies again. This bill says more or less that three strikes and you're out. When the residents do not want this residual

landfill in their community and the municipality does not want this landfill, especially if it's a small community where it is costing thousands of taxpayer dollars, fighting to keep a residual waste landfill from opening, it is time for closure to put everyone's mind at ease once and for all

I ask for a yes vote.

Tallon, Debra

From: Caton, Bob
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2002 8:50 AM
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Subject: Radio Bob is talking trash (again)

Greetings, everyone. Since it's kinda slow with non-campaign state news today, I thought we'd try to get some hits from a national story. Thanks to Mike Herzing of the LIO, who found this article in the Cleveland paper, I think we have a chance to encourage the US Senate to take some action to give PA the power to stop out of state trash. All your member has to say is something like:

"People here in (NAME OF) County are sick and tired of seeing out of state trash trucks. They're dangerous, they're smelly, and, worst of all, they're bringing in garbage from New York and New Jersey to fill up OUR landfill space. I'm working on measures here at home to cut down on out of state trash. Still, I hope the US Senate passes legislation to give Pennsylvania MORE power to stop those trash trucks! We take care of our trash, other states should take care of their own, too!"

Just give me a call at 717-783-2507! Thanks. And, of course, feel free to modify and/or ignore what I wrote to say what you want.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

States plead with Senate to let them limit tons of trash from out of state

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Washington

- Several states that receive millions of tons of trash from elsewhere pleaded with the Senate yesterday to let them limit the garbage that crosses their borders.

"The larger the landfill, and the more waste we are forced to accept, the greater the risks of ground water contamination and other pollution," said Robert K. Burnley, Virginia's director of environmental quality.

Virginia is the second most popular destination for trash, a distinction Burnley said he could do without. He said some sites have gone bankrupt and required state and federal takeovers.

Interstate commerce laws have limited the ability of states to halt the garbage transports. As landfill space grew scarce in some states, such as New York, haulers carried it to other states that had more room.

Pennsylvania receives more out-of-state trash in its landfills than any other state, according to the Congressional Research Service. Michigan gets the third most.

Interstate hauling of trash is also an issue for Ohio, which ranks fourth for accepting out-of-state refuse. Ohio has four landfills within 15 miles of Interstate 77 in Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. Three of those landfills want to expand, which could lead to more out-of-state trash.

Harold J. Anderson, chief counsel of Solid Waste Management of Central Ohio, said states and communities must be allowed to decide where the waste goes, a process known as flow control.

"In the long run, this will benefit both importing and exporting states," he said, by encouraging recycling "and encouraging comprehensive planning by state and local governments."

Ohio Republican Sen. George Voinovich has sponsored a bill that would give state and local governments more control over transported trash. Ohio gets more than 1 million tons of waste a year from other states, 40 percent of it from New York and New Jersey.

New York Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton acknowledged that her state generated a lot of trash, but said local communities approved the agreements.

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"There are never enough seats on the last train out of the station."

--Hunter S. Thompson

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