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Honorable State Representative Gary Howell *Sent Via Email (arostkowycz@house.mi.gov)*
Chairman, House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
124 North Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
C/o BillSowerby@house.mi.gov

Re: MWRA HB 5812—5817 H1 Comments

Dear Chairman Howell,

The Michigan Waste and Recycling Association would like to thank you, members of the committee, bill sponsors, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, and all of the stakeholders who participated in the Part 115 workgroup committee. It has been a productive effort that has enabled us to work through differences and reach some common ground to get us where we are today.

We recognize the importance of updating the Michigan solid waste rules and that a tremendous amount of time, thoughtfulness, and effort has gone into reforming this bill package.

We support the policy goals that the bill sponsors are looking to achieve, including the emphasis on improving Michigan's recycling rates and material reuse.

At the same time, our review of the H-1 substitute continues to bring concerns to the surface that we believe need to be addressed for the legislation to achieve its intended purpose and ensure the viability and practicality of implementing certain provisions.

We specifically want to highlight concerns within HB 5813 and HB 5817. It is our hope and goal to work with committee members to address our concerns as the bill advances to the House Ways and Means Committee. We look forward to being able to fully support the bill package in the near future.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tanisha Sanders at (248) 467-2019 or e-mail at Tsander4@wm.com

Sincerely,

Tanisha A. Sanders

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanisha A. Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Legislative Chair, MWRA