

February 13, 2012

Representative Steve Huebert
Chairman, House Local Government Committee
Kansas State Capitol, 300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Chairman Huebert:

Please accept this letter as Deffenbaugh Industries Inc.'s expression of support for HB 2639.

Deffenbaugh Industries was founded in Kansas 55 years ago, and has since grown into a leading regional provider of trash and recycling services. The company employs more than 1,500 people and operates the largest municipal solid waste landfill in the state.

In the company's opinion, HB 2639 provides us an opportunity to compete fairly across the state while providing significant cost and service protections for taxpayers. The solid waste industry continues to evolve rapidly, and passage of HB 2639 would allow Deffenbaugh Industries and other private companies to confidently invest in new technologies to better serve our residential and commercial customers.

Thank you for your time, and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Coffman
Senior Vice President
Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.