



March 23, 2021

The Honorable Gary Howell, Chair
The Honorable Gregory Markkanen, Vice-Chair
The Honorable William Sowerby, Minority Vice-Chair

Michigan House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Passage of House Bills 4454-4461, Legislation to Reform Michigan's Solid Waste Law Part 115

Dear Chairman Howell, Vice-Chair Markkanen, Vice-Chair Sowerby and Committee Members:

The undersigned companies and associations, representing many of Michigan's leading manufacturers, respectfully request the House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee approve the legislative package of House Bills HB 4454-4461 and urge the full House to also quickly approve these measures.

Our industry has been an active participant in developing this comprehensive solid waste and recycling legislation in Michigan. House Bills 4454-4461 represent a bipartisan approach reflecting years of stakeholder input and knowledge of the needs of our state and our local communities. This legislation promotes a sustainable materials management approach that sets a recycling goal for our state, but also encourages state and local planning for how to utilize materials across all sectors and regions. This framework would also increase access to recycling services for Michigan residents.

Lastly, the legislation provides appropriate regulation of many different materials management facilities without discouraging any particular use, while also allowing for innovative technologies like advanced recycling. These technologies convert post-use plastics into plastic and chemical feedstocks and the building blocks for new materials. Because advanced plastic recycling technologies produce liquid commodities, they open up vast new opportunities for a variety of businesses to use post-use plastics as alternative feedstocks. This creates a circular material for plastics in Michigan and keeps them out of our landfills and our oceans. A 2018 study by Closed Loop Partners, a New York based investment firm, estimated that there is a \$120 billion opportunity for advanced recycling of plastics in North America. Consumer product manufacturers, plastics packaging companies and resin manufacturers have committed to using recycled materials in response to demands from consumers, policy makers and the new circular economy.

We appreciate the work of many stakeholders and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy in developing this legislation and are grateful to the legislative sponsors for introducing this package. We strongly support moving the legislation forward and advancing a circular economy for Michigan.

Sincerely,

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American Chemistry Council
Amway
Anderson Development Company
BASF Corporation
Dow, Inc.
DuPont
Huntsman Corporation
Michigan Chemistry Council
Trinseo
Wacker Chemical Corporation

CC: Members of the Michigan House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee