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(all by email)

US Representative Debbie Dingell

US Senator Gary Peters

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State Representative Jason Morgan

State Representative Matt Koleszar

State Senator Rosemary Bayer

Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo

City of Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull

Washtenaw County Commissioners –

Jason Maciejewski, Crystal Lyte, Shannon Beeman, Caroline Sanders, Justin D.

Hodge, Annie Somerville, Andy LaBarre, Yousef Rabhi, Katie Scott

Salem Township Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk

Gary Whittikar, Bruce Reeve, Del Wensley

Dear Elected Officials,

My name is [INSERT YOUR NAME], and I am a resident of Northville Township. I am writing to urge you to firmly oppose the proposed new landfill adjacent to the Arbor Hills facility.

This proposal is fundamentally unnecessary. Michigan already has more than enough landfill capacity, with current state data showing approximately 21 years of remaining disposal space statewide. Rather than building a NEW LANDFILL, our community should advance waste reduction and recycling strategies that align with Michigan's updated regulatory goals to raise the statewide recycling rate from under 20% to 45% by 2030.

Expanding landfill capacity undermines these recycling efforts. Reducing landfill space will incentivize investments in recycling, composting, and other sustainable alternatives that benefit our environment and economy. Allowing additional landfills only perpetuates Michigan's role as a waste destination, which already results in about 19% of landfill waste coming from out-of-state sources, especially Canada.

Further, the majority of Washtenaw County's waste is currently shipped to landfills outside the county, meaning there is no local justification for another massive waste site. Building a new landfill here poses needless risks to our neighborhoods, schools, and natural resources.

I urge you to champion solutions that preserve local health and encourage sustainable progress. Please reject any proposal for a new landfill and instead support policies that improve recycling and advance Michigan's leadership in responsible waste management.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,
[Your Name]
[Your Address]