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Subject: Arbor Hills Landfill

Representative Jason Morgan and Senator Rosemary Bayer

Congratulations on becoming State Senator and State Representative for Western Northville Township. I am including State Senator Irwin and Washtenaw County Commissioner Lyte on this note as the Arbor Hills Landfill is in their district.

My name is [INSERT YOUR NAME], my family lives in Western Northville Township and my children attend Northville Public Schools. We love our community. I am writing to highlight the most significant issue for my family and ask for your support. The Arbor Hills landfill, located on the Northville Township border, brings zero value to our community. When winds blow from the west/southwest there is always a concern that a noxious odor will fill our neighborhood. Occasionally, the odors reach the level preventing me from opening my windows or enjoying my backyard. I am nervous whenever I plan a social event at my home that the landfill will have an 'odor event' ruining my get-together and causing me to wonder why a landfill is allowed to operate despite numerous violations. We have been told there is nothing toxic in the odors and there are no health concerns, but I'm not sure what the truth is. What parent wouldn't be concerned?

In addition to the odors, Arbor Hills is impacting the area's only cold-water trout stream, Johnson Creek. Arbor Hills has unresolved Violation Notices related to PFAS chemicals that are impacting Johnson Creek. The landfill only takes action when they are compelled to act. Litter from the trash trucks mark the roads leading to the landfill like breadcrumbs; the roads are in terrible repair due to the constant heavy truck traffic and it is common for trash trucks to avoid the "No Truck" signs and drive past both the Northville High School and Ridge Wood Elementary which is within 1 mile of the landfill entrance.

We understand the landfill is reaching its permitted capacity, but believe the landfill owners will soon request an expansion. I am confident I can speak for all of my western Northville Township neighbors with my strong opposition to any landfill expansion. The State of Michigan has an abundance of landfill capacity and has become Ontario's dump. Please support western Northville Township residents by working to oppose any landfill expansion. The landfill is simply located too close to existing residential neighborhoods and schools.

We suggest you follow the actions of The Conservancy Initiative (<https://www.conservancyinitiative.org>) and use this organization as a resource to stay current on issues caused by the landfill.