

**TRASH TAX ON MICHIGAN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES**  
***Increasing family and business costs while hurting essential services***

Imposing an increased trash tax on each ton of solid waste will simply increase the cost of living and doing business in Michigan. At a time when we are looking for ways to improve Michigan's attractiveness, increasing the trash tax will add cost to every household and business in the state as well as local governments, hospitals, public safety organizations, and school districts, to name a few.

**This proposed increase on the state Tipping Fee will raise the cost of essential services provided to Michigan citizens and businesses.** The safe, efficient, and affordable collection and management of waste materials is essential to public health and safety, protection of our environment, and ensuring the infrastructure that enables business and economic growth. This increased tax is appropriately a pass-through fee, such that the additional expenses (direct and indirect from the fee increase) will ultimately be borne by the users of Michigan disposal facilities – i.e., **Michigan citizens and businesses will be covering roughly 80% of the increased proposal.**

<b>A trash tax of \$1.20 on...</b>	<b>With an annual tonnage* of...</b>	<b>Have an increased annual cost of...</b>
Michigan Households	4,000,000	<b>\$3,360,000</b>
Remediated Soil Projects	3,620,000	<b>\$3,040,800</b>
Wayne County	1,481,079	<b>\$1,244,106</b>
Oakland	1,062,070	<b>\$892,139</b>
Macomb	737,421	<b>\$619,433</b>
Kent	551,761	<b>\$463,479</b>

*\*Tonnage reported from EGLE's Mega Data Collection Project on [www.Michigan.gov](http://www.Michigan.gov)*

**Raising the State Tipping Fee from \$.36 to \$1.20 or 333%, means residents and businesses will be subject to pay for this increased tax** directly as well as indirectly, by adding to current inflationary price pressures.

The extra burden of an 333% increase on Michigan's trash tax may force local governments, hospitals, and schools to consider other budget cuts, jeopardizing the jobs of essential workers like police officers, firefighters, nurses, and teachers.

This increased Tipping Fee also has the effect of increasing potential "illegal dumping" by making trash collection even more expensive for residents.

**Finally, the proposed tipping fee increase in SB 246 puts 55% of the funds dedicated to spending unrelated to the landfill industry.**

- This highly regulated industry already has requirements in closure and post-closure financial assurance. A practice the waste industry has continually implemented to ensure sites are properly managed for the future and has recently increased due to Part 115 amendments.
- Additionally, Michigan's landfills are providing disposal for environmental protection and development projects. According to EGLE's Report of Solid Waste Landfilled in Michigan, **Michigan landfills safely accepted and managed an estimated 4 million tons of Contaminated Soils from these same environmental projects** (from October 2021 – September 2022).

- Considering the other materials associated with environmental remediation and brownfield redevelopment (impacted river sediment dredging, urban renewal blight, tire pile cleanups), **MWRA estimates the proposed fee would create \$4.8M per year of added cost to the same projects the legislation proposes to support.**

Michiganders have continued to feel the effects of inflation since the COVID-19 pandemic and are currently waiting to understand the financial impacts of an uncertain global economic future.

**Now is NOT the time to increase taxes on Michigan residents and businesses on an essential, critical piece of infrastructure. We urge you to consider the harmful impacts of an increased Trash Tax on Michigan families and businesses and OPPOSE SB 246.**

Sincerely the below signed organizations,



