



Dear Illinois Waste & Recycling Program Manager:

We are writing on behalf of the Illinois Product Stewardship Council (ILPSC), which formed in 2014. The mission of the ILPSC is to shift the product waste management system in Illinois from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs, increase opportunities for waste minimization and resource recovery, raise recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability. The ILPSC is a coalition of public and private entities including local governments, state governments, businesses, environmental groups, NGOs, solid waste agencies, associations, and individuals in Illinois.

In 2015 the ILPSC was instrumental in amending the [Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act](#) (Public Act 099-0013) by increasing manufacturer goals in 2015 and 2016. In 2016 the ILPSC continued their focus in developing long-term solutions to the [Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act](#) to help sustain collection programs in the [state](#). ILPSC is currently drafting additional electronics legislation to meet long-term goals for the program. Learn more on the [ILPSC website](#). The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) serves as coordinator for the Council. All funds from Illinois support the services PSI provides to ILPSC and its members as per the attached *2017 ILPSC/PSI Scope of Services*.

PSI is a national non-profit environmental institute, working with state and local government agencies to partner with manufacturers, retailers, environmental groups, federal agencies, and other key stakeholders to reduce the health and environmental impacts of consumer products, and to share responsibility for end-of-life solutions for those consumer products. PSI has helped many states successfully propose and adopt product stewardship laws, including the Illinois Electronics Recycling and Reuse Act.

Please join your fellow stakeholders as we work to improve recycling programs in Illinois by becoming an ongoing member. As you enter the FY2017 & 2018 planning processes please consider allowing for or requesting an ongoing amount (suggested \$500-\$2000) for annual membership with the ILPSC. Ideally, the amount paid would match the levels on the [PSI membership webpage](#), but please note that any amount above the \$500 minimum will be added to the pool; making one a member of the ILPSC and eligible for PSI membership benefits. Supporting ILPSC will ultimately save money for local governments while growing recycling programs for a variety of hazardous and hard-to-recycle materials. Please also see the attached Letter of Agreement (LOA) and Alternate Letter of Agreement (ALOA), one of which must be signed to become a member of the ILPSC.

Thank you for considering the addition of this membership cost to your budget. All contributions will add up, leading to the growth of cost-effective and resource-conscious programs and policies in 2017 and beyond. Please contact Ms. Megan Byers at the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) to sign up for membership. Megan can be reached at Megan@productstewardship.us or (617) 236-4866. For more information about PSI's programs please contact Amanda Nicholson at PSI. She can be reached at Amanda@productstewardship.us or (617) 236-4833.

If you have further questions about the ILPSC please contact Ms. Marta Keane, chair of the ILPSC, at mkeane@willcountygreen.com or (815) 774-4343 [cell 630-553-9335]. The ILPSC meets for monthly conference calls during the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10 am (central). We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

ILPSC Membership Committee

Jennifer Jarland, Recycling Coordinator, Kane County
Marta Keane, Recycling Specialist, Will County
Courtney Kwong, Recycling Coordinator, City of Urbana
Susan Monte, Recycling Coordinator, Champaign County
Walter Willis, Executive Director, SWALCO

Additional Information:

Benefits of Product Stewardship and EPR:

- Reduces government cost: Product stewardship programs can save local governments money spent on HHW and other waste management programs
- More recycling opportunities helps counties and the state reach recycling goals

Existing Illinois EPR Laws:

- **Electronics:** [Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act \(September 2008\)](#)
- **Electronics:** [The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act \(August 2011\)](#) – Ban
- **Electronics:** [The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act \(July 2015\)](#) - Amended goals
- **Automobile Switches:** [Mercury Switch Removal Act \(May 2006\)](#)
- **Thermostats:** [Mercury Thermostat Collection Act \(July 2010\)](#)

Attachments:

- *2017 ILPSC/PSI Scope of Services*
- *Letter of Agreement (LOA)/Alternate Letter of Agreement (ALOA)*