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Honorable Bruce Rauner, Governor
207 State Capital Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Subject: Request to Approve and Sign HB 1455

Dear Governor Rauner:

On behalf of Kane County Division of Environmental and Water Resources, Recycling Program Office, and on behalf of Kane County's residents, we respectfully request that you sign into law HB 1455 to amend the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act.

Kane County (population 550,000) as one of the largest collectors of electronics in the State of Illinois, has a vital stake in this law. We hold monthly collection events for residents of Kane County and work in partnership with municipalities to maintain four permanent drop-off locations. In 2014 we collected over 1.68 million pounds of electronic equipment, and in the first 6 months of 2015 are nearly equal to that amount. Without this bill becoming effective soon, our program is in jeopardy of being shut down due to costs that are shifting from the manufacturers to units of local government.

Illinois county and local governments are not able to bear the cost burden of subsidizing the manufacturers' electronics take-back program in Illinois. This is certainly true for Kane County and the 70 other counties in Illinois that have no operational landfill within their boundaries, and therefore no stream of income from a host-fee agreement with a landfill operator.

As this bill was unanimously passed by both chambers, and because it will have positive impacts on electronics recycling programs across the state effective immediately, we ask that you sign this bill without delay.

Sincerely,



Kenneth N. Anderson, Jr.
Director, Kane County Division of
Environmental and Water Resources



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