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Blue Island  
Burnham  
Calumet City  
Calumet Park  
Chicago Heights  
Country Club Hills  
Crete  
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East Hazel Crest  
Flossmoor  
Ford Heights  
Glenwood  
Harvey  
Hazel Crest  
Homewood  
Lansing  
Lynwood  
Markham  
Matteson  
Midlothian  
Mokena  
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Oak Forest  
Olympia Fields  
Orland Hills  
Orland Park  
Palos Heights  
Park Forest  
Phoenix  
Posen  
Richton Park  
Riverdale  
Robbins  
Sauk Village  
South Chicago Heights  
South Holland  
Steger  
Summit  
Thornton  
Tinley Park  
University Park

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 South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMAA), representing 43 municipalities in the southern Cook and Will counties, I ask that you sign into law HB 1455 to amend the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act. Since the electronics landfill ban in 2012 member municipalities of SSMMA have been able to provide various levels of electronic recycling services to their residents. Over the last year, these services have been greatly reduced or eliminated in many communities due to a statutory cost structure that has increasingly shifted the costs of recycling electronic materials from electronic manufacturers to units of local government.

HB 1455 was passed unanimously by both legislative chambers, indicative of the consensus built after a period of negotiations between units of local government, senators, representatives, the Consumers Electronics Association, Illinois Manufacturers Association, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, Tech America, Panasonic, Hewlett-Packard, National Waste and Recycling Association, Peoria Disposal Company, Illinois Environmental Council, Environmental Law and Policy Center, and IEPA. Signature of this bill will have an immediate impact on communities struggling to provide residents a safe method for the recycling of their used electronic products and therefore I urge your expeditious signature of HB 1455.

While HB 1455 will raise the goal for electronics recycling to 46.6 million pounds for 2015, that is still less than the 47.9 million pounds manufacturers collected last year according to the IEPA. The stakeholders and legislators are aware that HB 1455 represents a short term fix and that we have more work to do under your leadership as the IEPA begins a review of the law as required by statute in order to develop a long term solution that is sustainable and effective.

I thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Paesel  
Executive Director

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