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Dear Illinois Waste & Recycling Program Manager:

The Illinois Product Stewardship Council (ILPSC) formed in 2014 with a mission to shift the waste system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed disposal and recycling to a shared responsibility with product producers. We recognize that bringing producers to the table will reduce both recycling and disposal costs by improving design, minimizing waste, improving recyclability and increasing sustainability. The ILPSC is a coalition of public and private entities including local governments, state governments, businesses, environmental groups, NGOs, solid waste agencies, and associations in Illinois.

Please join us by becoming a member (suggested fee varies \$500-\$2000 - levels are on the [PSI membership webpage](#)). New members may join for the 2019 year at \$500, ensuring all PSI membership benefits. **Supporting ILPSC will ultimately save money for local governments while growing recycling programs for a variety of materials.**

The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) serves as coordinator for the Council. Please see the attached *2019 ILPSC/PSI Scope of Services*. PSI is a national non-profit environmental institute, bringing together state and local government agencies to partner with manufacturers, retailers, environmental groups and federal agencies to reduce the health and environmental impacts of consumer products, and to share responsibility for end-of-life solutions.

ILPSC has worked on several legislative issues over the past couple of years, including:

- ILPSC was instrumental in increasing manufacturer goals in 2015 and 2016. (Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act - Public Act 099-0013)
- PSI assisted ILPSC with information on other statewide electronic legislation to change our focus from weight goals to convenience standards beginning in 2019. (SB 1417)
- ILPSC offered guidance to Cook County as they developed their new Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program in 2016 working to ensure manufacturing funding for this hazardous and potentially life-threatening waste stream.

During calendar year 2019, the ILPSC will primarily focus on the priority products including medical sharps, carpet, plastic bags and paint. PSI will provide technical policy, facilitation, and coordination assistance to the ILPSC to engage industry in dialogue via conference calls, in-person meetings, and/or other appropriate avenues to meet the needs of the ILPSC.

The year ahead will bring new developments in product stewardship legislation, and we hope that you can join us in becoming part of the solution!

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 2019 and beyond. To sign up for membership, please contact Megan Byers at PSI. Her contact information is Megan@productstewardship.us or (617) 236-4866. For more information about PSI's programs please contact Amanda Nicholson at PSI. Her contact information is Amanda@productstewardship.us or (617) 236-4833.

If you have further questions about the ILPSC please contact Marta Keane, Chair of the ILPSC, at mkeane@willcountygreen.com, (815) 774-4343, or mobile (630) 553-9335. The ILPSC meets via conference call every other month and members join PSI calls at various times of the year. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

ILPSC Membership Committee

Marta Keane, ILPSC Chair; Recycling Specialist, Will County
Courtney Kwong, ILPSC Co-Chair; Recycling Coordinator, City of Urbana
Susan Monte, Recycling Coordinator, Champaign County
Walter Willis, Executive Director, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

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: [Consumer Electronics Recycling Act](#) – Weight-based standard changed to convenience standard beginning in 2019
- Electronics: [Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act \(September 2008\)](#) -Electronics landfill ban in Illinois
- Electronics: [The Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act \(August 2011\)](#) – Expanded list of electronic devices banned from landfills
- 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 \(July 2010\)](#)

* Learn more at the [ILPSC website](#)

Attachments:

- *2019 ILPSC/PSI Scope of Services*
- *Letter of Agreement/Alternate Letter of Agreement*
- *Mission Statement*