

The Honorable Sean McCann

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
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Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Support for Senate Bill 247 – Hazardous Waste Injection Well Fee and Host Community Fund Implementation

Dear Senator McCann,

On behalf of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), I am writing to express support for Senate Bill (SB) 247 of 2025, introduced by Senator Darrin Camilleri. This bill proposes increasing the fees on hazardous waste injected into Class I commercial hazardous waste wells and creating a Disposal Well Host Community Fund to support the community where these facilities are located.

The City of Romulus—home to the only two multisource commercial hazardous waste injection wells in Michigan—bears a unique and disproportionate environmental burden on behalf of our state. The Romulus Fire Department must constantly plan for the potential of hazardous materials incidents at these sites, yet does so without the necessary resources to ensure full preparedness. Public safety officials have voiced deep concern that both the City of Romulus and the surrounding region are unprepared for a major emergency at this facility.


Additionally, Romulus residents already experience diminished quality of life due to their proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). The co-location of a major international airport and a hazardous waste disposal facility amplifies environmental and public health impacts for this community.

SB 247 addresses this inequity by establishing a \$0.417 per gallon fee (approximately \$100 per ton) on injected hazardous waste and directing the fee's revenue to a Disposal Well Host Community Fund. This Fund would support local public health, emergency preparedness, environmental protection, and related needs—ensuring that host communities receive the support they deserve.

SB 247 reinvests in the community that bears long-term environmental and public safety risks, while also providing necessary exemptions to ensure these new fees are not a hinderance to site cleanup in the state. SEMCOG urges your support for this legislation and stands ready to work with all stakeholders to ensure its successful and balanced implementation.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



Executive Director
SEMCOG