Say “no” to out of state waste.

**Don't Dump on South Carolina.** H.3290 would prohibit any county ordinance that directs the flow of waste – whether that ordinance is a simple hauling franchise or a contract to dispose of local waste in a regional landfill. 38 out of 46 counties are on record opposing the “Business Freedom to Choose Act” because their current authority over trash management guarantees reasonable bond terms for public investments in solid waste infrastructure and keeps trash disposal affordable trash for taxpayers.

National waste corporations already control 75% of the waste stream in South Carolina and they imported more than 600,000 tons of garbage from out-of-state in 2012. If public landfills were bankrupted and sold to private corporations, the millions of tons of permitted capacity now reserved for local garbage could be filled with more lucrative, “northern” trash.

Opponents of the bill are bi-partisan and include the SC Association of Counties, the SC Solid Waste and Recycling Professionals Association, and the SC Association of Community Development Corporations, in addition to the conservation community. Understanding the long-term dangers of the bill to South Carolina’s taxpayers, businesses, and the environment, these groups have banded together to form the Don't Dump on South Carolina Coalition. A statewide media campaign was recently launched to give citizens access to more information.

**Electronic waste recycling (e-waste) enjoys widespread support** from all stakeholders and would provide funding for counties and municipalities to successfully recycle e-waste.

**For too long South Carolina has shouldered a disproportionate share of the nation’s nuclear waste.** The more than 36 million gallons of highly radioactive liquid nuclear waste at the Savannah River Site (SRS) - a byproduct of production of materials for nuclear weapons - remains a grave threat. This waste is being processed into a safer, solid form but federal funding to address the problem has been reduced and will continue to be endangered. With no permanent repository designated by Congress, we support efforts by state officials to secure adequate funding for high-level waste management at SRS. South Carolina leaders should guard against any appearance of concurring with the designation of SRS for “consolidated interim storage” of the nation’s commercial nuclear reactor spent fuel. As Governor Riley aptly said “nuclear waste stays where it is put.”

For more information, visit www.commonagendasc.org

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**PRIORITY ACTIONS**

- Defeat the Business Freedom to Choose Act (Flow Control/H.3290) to stop “Big Trash” from taking over South Carolina and to guard against more out of state waste.
- Pass a clean version of electronic waste recycling out of the House (H.3847 without flow control language attached).
- Oppose additional storage of high-level nuclear waste from other locations or of commercial spent nuclear fuel at SRS.
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