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Hon. Greg Vitali, Chair
Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Via Email

RE: Pennsylvania Reliable Energy Sustainability Standards Act - HB 2277

Dear Chairman Vitali:

The Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (“PWIA”) appreciates the opportunity to provide the below comments on HB 2277. PWIA is the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association, a non-profit organization that represents the interests of the North American waste services industry. PWIA members include both privately held and publicly traded companies that own and operate numerous commercial solid waste disposal facilities throughout the Commonwealth, including the vast majority of the 37 EPA recognized landfill gas energy projects operating in the state. We offer our comments in furtherance of our mission to promote the efficient, environmentally safe management of recycling and solid waste and to advocate for sound public policy affecting the management of recycling and solid waste.

The waste industry in Pennsylvania takes pride in the proactive efforts it has taken over the past decades to responsibly collect and beneficially reuse landfill gas for energy production. The significant capital investments behind the 37 active projects has relied, in large measure, on the classification of landfill gas as a Tier I source under Pennsylvania’s Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard. PWIA supports the provisions of HB 2277 which continue to recognize the importance of Tier I classification for biogas energy. We believe this recognition will continue to help Pennsylvania take advantage of the environmental and economic opportunities that the renewable industry affords, while protecting the interests of those waste related entities and facilities that have long invested in the success and growth of the AEPS program and Tier 1 credits.

We hope that you and the Committee find these comments helpful in your deliberation of the provisions of HB 2277.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary Keenan

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Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association

Cc: Hon. Martin T. Causer, Republican Chair