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Hon. David B. McKinley
U.S. House of Representatives
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McKinley,

The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) is pleased to announce its support for your bill H.R. 5628, the "Access to Increased Drug Disposal Act of 2018," providing for the Drug Enforcement Agency to make grants to states to help with the cost of acquiring and disposing of controlled substances as a way of combatting the growing opioids crisis in America.

NWRA is the voice in the nation's capital for the private-sector waste and recycling industry that is essential to maintaining the quality of American life. Through its special industry group the Healthcare Waste Institute (HWI), NWRA works to facilitate responsible healthcare waste management from all types of generators and be the resource network for technical and regulatory assistance.

Our members operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and can be found in most, if not all, U.S. congressional districts. Waste and recycling facilities number nearly 18,000 scattered throughout the U.S., mirroring population centers. Our nearly 700 members are a mix of publicly-traded and privately-owned local, regional, and Fortune 500 national and international companies. NWRA represents approximately 70 percent of the private sector waste and recycling market.

NWRA thanks you for introducing this legislation to tackle the public health emergency of opioid addiction. Our industry stands ready to help you in any way that it can both to pass the bill and assist in its implementation once it becomes law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell K. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Darrell K. Smith, PhD
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Cc:
Hon. David Cicilline
Hon. Tom Marino
Hon. Paul Tonko