



A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

COMMENDING THE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MEMBERS

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been essential to keep North Carolina's manufacturing industries operational; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's manufacturing industries are leaders in the production of steel, paper and paper products, electronics, aluminum, plastics, textiles, tires, and glass and continue to produce these materials and products that are essential to North Carolina, the nation, and worldwide markets; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's manufacturers must have a constant and reliable supply of raw materials to produce these products; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's manufacturers would not have access to their needed raw materials without the collecting, processing, and manufacturing of recyclable and recovered materials into raw materials by North Carolina's materials recycling industry; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, North Carolina's materials recyclers have been deemed essential businesses and workers from the onset of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recyclers have followed all appropriate and required protocols and, as a result, have operated safely, protecting their employees and customers in the process; and

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hundreds of thousands of tons of valuable recyclable materials, such as automobiles, scrap metal, electronics, paper, glass, plastics, rubber, and textiles, have been kept out of North Carolina's landfills and have been manufactured into valuable raw materials; and

WHEREAS, those raw materials have been used by manufacturers in North Carolina and throughout the world to manufacture a wide variety of products, including toilet paper, respirators, and new automobiles; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has provided used auto parts for reuse, allowing the State's citizens to repair their automobiles and maintain reliable transportation throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has collected, repaired, and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile technology devices, thereby becoming an alternative supplier to education and corporate entities when international supply chains were disrupted during

the pandemic and therefore facilitating students' remote learning needs and supporting citizens working from home; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has collected, sorted, and reclaimed plastic products and packaging, which have been used as feedstock to manufacture products that enhance hygiene and sanitation, such as disposable hospital gowns and garbage bags; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has continued to collect and recycle scrap tires, protecting public health and the environment, and producing valuable rubber products, such as those used in vital infrastructure projects; and

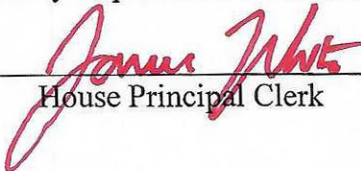
WHEREAS, North Carolina's materials recycling industry has collected, sorted, processed, and delivered recovered fiber to paper, containerboard, and paperboard mills to be used in manufacturing essential products, including tissue products; pulp used in diapers and other personal hygiene products; papers for communication, education, and building/construction products; and papers for packaging for food, beverages, food services, cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and other essential consumer products; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Recycling Association of North Carolina and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries are essential businesses and their employees are essential workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to commend the members of the Recycling Association of North Carolina and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and their employees for their role in maintaining the economic viability of the supply chain for North Carolina's manufacturers and their employees. These indispensable businesses and their essential employees deserve to be applauded for producing and manufacturing necessary goods and products in North Carolina and throughout the world, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 30th day of June, 2021.

Submitted by Representative Jason Saine


House Principal Clerk

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