



*February 2, 2015*

The Honorable David Wolkins  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Re: In Support HB 1350 - Recycling Amendment**

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Dear Representative Wolkins:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I am pleased to provide our support for the recycling amendment, as part of House Bill 1350, and the following information on glass beverage and food container recycling for Indiana.

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container manufacturers, glass recyclers, and suppliers of materials, equipment and transport to the industry.

**Indiana is home to the U.S. headquarters of one of the country's largest glass container manufacturing companies, four glass container manufacturing plants, five glass recycling facilities and one machine shop. Collectively, these facilities employ just over 2,000 residents.**

**GPI strongly encourages your support to amendment to HB 1350, which is designed to streamline and prioritize Indiana's recycling grants program. Approval of this amendment will assist in-state manufacturers and recyclers in achieving Indiana's 50% recycling goal, and provide needed funding for essential recycling grants.**

The glass container manufacturing plants in state provide high-paying jobs to their employees. It is not uncommon for the plants to have career and life-long employees, sometimes reaching back four generations.

GPI's members recognize the importance of supporting sustainability initiatives including conserving energy, saving raw materials, reducing air emissions (including NOx, SOx, PM and greenhouse gases such as CO2) and being fully committed to "Reduce / Reuse" in all aspects of plant operations e.g. water, cardboard, lubricants, electricity, etc.

When glass plants can increase the levels of recycled glass as part of the overall batch mix, they can reduce furnace temperatures, resulting in reduced energy use and lower greenhouse gas emissions. This is also true of other packaging and manufacturing industries. For glass, one ton of carbon dioxide is reduced for every six tons of recycled container glass used in the manufacturing process. Energy use at the glass plants also drop about 2-3% for every 10% recycled glass used in the manufacturing process.

Based on the forgoing, it should come as no surprise that GPI member companies are strongly impacted by the outputs of the municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling streams. A top priority for GPI is to divert and recycle glass containers to ensure that as many as possible are re-melted in the production of new glass containers.

Recycled glass is used daily in the Indiana glass container manufacturing plants. Improving recycling programs within Indiana may increase the purchasing power and positive economics of the glass recycling supply chain into the state.

GPI would like to thank you for your consideration of this amendment. Please consider GPI and its member companies a resource and advocate for recycling related issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "B".

Lynn M. Bragg

President