

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Joe Hogsett Office of the Mayor 2501 City-County Building 200 E. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mayor Hogsett:

On behalf of the nearly 1,200 men and women that are part of Indiana's glass container industry, we would like to extend our workforce's sincere thanks for your recent decision to further study the mixed-waste recycling issue for the City of Indianapolis.

As noted in your statement on the temporary suspension of a contract that would have provided for solid waste and recyclables to be mixed together, *AND* would have also excluded one of the most recyclable packages, glass food and beverage containers, "leadership begins with listening."

Our industry's union, the Glass, Molders, Plastics, Pottery and Allied Workers (GMP) was surprised to learn about the proposal in 2015, when Carey Hamilton of the Indiana Recycling Coalition spoke at our annual spring gathering. On behalf of the state's four glass container plants, we listened, and learned that the dirty MRF would be put in place, without sufficient opportunities for citizen engagement and stakeholder input.

Recycling is an important component of how we manage our solid waste, and recycled glass is a critical manufacturing input to produce new food and beverage containers. Indiana's four glass container manufacturing facilities re-melt recycled glass on a daily basis, resulting in reduced energy use at our plants, associated greenhouse gas emissions, and reduced tipping fees generated during landfill disposal.

Please feel free to contact our industry and its member companies as you meet with local groups and stakeholders during the course of the next 90 days.

Sincerely,

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