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## **NWRA SUPPORTS OHIO LEGISLATION TO MAKE WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SAFER FOR WORKERS**

*Ohio Would be 17<sup>th</sup> State with Slow Down to Get Around Laws*

**Arlington, VA** –National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) member companies continue to champion important safety legislation - SB127 sponsored by Ohio Senator Frank LaRose. Move Over or Slow Down to Get Around legislation would require drivers to slow down and safely change lanes when approaching certain vehicles from behind. Residential Driver, James Huchinson testified about being hit while performing collection duties resulting in severe injuries and several months off of work.

“Slow Down to Get Around legislation is a top priority for our industry. Over the past three years, NWRA and its chapters nationwide have successfully championed “Slow Down to Get Around” legislation, which is now the law in 16 states and under consideration in several more,” said NWRA President and CEO, Darrell Smith.



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### **ABOUT NWRA**

The Ohio Chapter of NWRA represents the private sector waste and recycling industry statewide. According to data compiled by NWRA, in Ohio, the private waste and recycling industry employees nearly 14,314 people, has a total annual payroll of nearly \$713 million, generates annual revenue of \$3.5 billion, and the average annual compensation for industry employees is \$49,819. The annual economic impact to Ohio’s economy, generated by the waste and recycling industry is nearly \$2 billion. When the activity of the waste and recycling industry with other industries is calculated, overall impact to the state economy of the waste and recycling industry in Ohio is over \$7.5 billion annually.

The National Waste and Recycling Association represents the private sector waste and recycling services industry. Association members conduct business in all 50 states, and include companies that manage garbage, recycling and medical waste, equipment manufacturers and distributors, and a variety of other service providers. For more information about NWRA, please visit [www.wasterecycling.org](http://www.wasterecycling.org).

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