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NWRA SUPPORTS NEBRASKA LEGISLATION TO MAKE COLLECTIONS OF WASTE AND RECYCLING SAFER FOR WORKERS

Nebraska Would be 17th State with Slow Down to Get Around Laws

Arlington, VA –National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) member companies, along with a coalition of supporters, testified in support of LB 1011, sponsored by Nebraska State Senator Burke Harr. This important safety legislation would require drivers to slow down and safely change lanes when approaching waste and recycling trucks. Lisa Disbrow with Waste Management helped to spearhead this important legislation in Nebraska. On February 15, 2018, an independent collection worker was killed in Lincoln.

“Slow Down to Get Around is a nationwide campaign by NWRA and its state chapters. In all states, NWRA encourages motorists to be aware of the roadside dangers facing waste and recycling collection workers. 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,” said NWRA President and CEO, Darrell Smith.



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ABOUT NWRA

The Nebraska Chapter of NWRA represents the private sector waste and recycling industry statewide. According to data compiled by NWRA, in Nebraska, the private waste and recycling industry employees nearly 2,134 people, has a total annual payroll of nearly \$91 million, generates annual revenue of \$390 million, and the average annual compensation for industry employees is \$42,347. The annual economic impact to Nebraska economy, generated by the waste and recycling industry is \$184,888,597. 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 Nebraska is over \$706 million 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.

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