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

Kansas 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 Senate Bill 272. Kansas Senator Mike Petersen authored this important safety legislation that would require drivers to slow down and safely change lanes when approaching waste and recycling trucks.

“Safety is a top priority for our industry. 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 Kansas Chapter of NWRA represents the private sector waste and recycling industry statewide. According to data compiled by NWRA, in Kansas, the private waste and recycling industry employees nearly 3,232 people, has a total annual payroll of nearly \$150 million, generates annual revenue of 669 million, and the average annual compensation for industry employees is \$45,946. The annual economic impact to Kansas’ economy, generated by the waste and recycling industry is \$296,727,144. 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 Kansas is over \$1.2 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.

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