

RESOLUTION R-13-48

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2528/ASSEMBLY BILL 3879
CONCERNING AUTOMATIC SOURCE SEPARATION RECYCLING
EXEMPTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, source separation is the cornerstone of New Jersey's precedent setting recycling legislation that was passed and adopted more than twenty-five (25) years ago; and

WHEREAS, S2528/A3879 concerns bills proposed in the New Jersey Legislature that would grant automatic source separation recycling exemptions to businesses and institutions utilizing New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection certified materials recovery facilities; and

WHEREAS, permitting businesses or institutions like educational facilities to mix their garbage and recyclables, creates a confusing message for the public; and

WHEREAS, source separation exemptions will divert recyclable materials away from established recycling facilities, such as the facility utilized by the County of Gloucester which has invested millions of public and private sector dollars in equipment and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, mixing garbage with recyclables and then extracting those recyclables from waste produces a lower quality material, economically harming those industries that ultimately utilize these products; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is not staffed to implement the proposed certification program; and

WHEREAS, this source separation exemption system would facilitate a means of bypassing solid waste flow control; and

WHEREAS, source separation exemptions were discussed at great lengths during the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Solid Waste Stakeholders Process in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made as part of the Stakeholders Process to establish a pilot program in order to determine the long term effects and effectiveness of granting source separation exemptions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison as follows:

1. The Township of South Harrison is opposed to S2528/A3879 in its current form;
2. Any legislation regarding source separation exemptions should only be considered after the completion of the pilot program recommended as part of the 2012 Solid Waste Stakeholders Process; and
3. Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- a. Senate President Stephen Sweeney
- b. Deputy Speaker John J. Burzichelli
- c. Assembly Woman Celeste Riley
- d. Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders
- e. New Jersey Senate and Assembly Environment Committees
- f. Commissioner New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- g. Gloucester County Administrator, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Manager, and Superintendent of Recycling

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON

BY: _____
JAMES McCALL, MAYOR

Dated: April 10, 2013

ATTEST:

NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at a Regular Meeting held on the 10th day of April, 2013.

NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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