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Local Wayne County Leaders Call for Permanent Halt on Importation of Ohio Toxic Waste to Wayne County

LIVONIA — The <u>Conference of Western Wayne (CWW)</u>, an association of 18 elected city mayors and township supervisors in Michigan's largest county, today called for a permanent halt on any importation of toxic waste resulting from the recent East Palestine, OH train disaster.

The City of Romulus, a CWW member, is reported to be the planned location for the permanent storage of the toxic, life-threatening waste generated because of Ohio's train derailment crisis.

"The Conference of Western Wayne represents more than 730,000 residents who depend on us to fight for clean water and air. Their safety is our number one priority and that is why we support Romulus' opposition to being the dumping ground for Ohio's hazardous material. It is not a Michigan problem, and it must not become one," said Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab, CWW's chair.

"While there has been a pause on importation, we are calling on the EPA to publicly state there will be a permanent halt and that this hazardous material will never be sent to Wayne County," Glaab concluded.

CWW officials will work with County, State and Federal officials to call for a permanent decision that keeps this hazardous waste out of Wayne County and out of Michigan, and will continue to monitor the situation, said CWW Executive Director Jordyn Sellek.

About CWW:

<u>CWW is a bi-partisan group</u> that works collectively on public policy to improve the quality of life for its more than 730,000 residents. CWW also serves as the 911 Service District for Western Wayne County.

CWW communities include the Cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the Townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

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