

Massachusetts House of Representatives



Resolutions

COMMENDING THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MEMBERS
FOR THEIR ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE SUPPLY
CHAIN FOR MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, IT HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO KEEP MASSACHUSETTS' MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY OPERATIONAL AS A LEADER IN THE PRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIALS OF STEEL, PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS, ELECTRONICS, ALUMINUM, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, TIRES, AND GLASS, AND CONTINUES TO PRODUCE THESE RAW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS ESSENTIAL TO THE CITIZENS OF MASSACHUSETTS, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE WORLD; AND MASSACHUSETTS' MANUFACTURERS WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR NEEDED RAW MATERIALS WITHOUT THE COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING OF RECYCLABLE AND RECOVERED MATERIALS INTO RAW MATERIALS BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES; AND

WHEREAS, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT, MASSACHUSETTS RECYCLERS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS FROM THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC; AND MASSACHUSETTS' RECYCLERS HAVE FOLLOWED ALL APPROPRIATE AND REQUIRED PROTOCOLS AND AS A RESULT HAVE OPERATED SAFELY, PROTECTING THEIR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS; AND THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF VALUABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, SUCH AS AUTOMOBILES, SCRAP METAL, ELECTRONICS, PAPER, GLASS, PLASTICS, RUBBER, AND TEXTILES, HAVE BEEN KEPT OUT OF MASSACHUSETTS LANDFILLS AND HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED INTO VALUABLE RAW MATERIALS; AND THOSE RAW MATERIALS HAVE BEEN USED BY MANUFACTURERS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS FROM TOILET PAPER TO RESPIRATORS TO NEW AUTOMOBILES; AND

WHEREAS, THE INSTITUTE FOR SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND ITS MEMBERS AND MASSACHUSETTS' RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS COLLECTED, REPAIRED AND REDEPLOYED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MOBILE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES, BECOMING AN ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIER TO EDUCATION AND CORPORATE ENTITIES, FACILITATING STUDENT'S REMOTE LEARNING AND SUPPORTING OUR GREAT CITIZENS WORKING FROM HOME WHEN INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAINS WERE DISRUPTED DURING THE PANDEMIC CAUSING SHORTAGES OF THESE DEVICES; HAVE PROVIDED USED AUTO PARTS FOR REUSE, ALLOWING MASSACHUSETTS' CITIZEN TO SAFELY AND ECONOMICALLY REPAIR THEIR AUTOMOBILES AND MAINTAIN RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC; AND

WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS' RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS COLLECTED, SORTED AND RECLAIMED PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING, WHICH HAS BEEN USED AS FEEDSTOCK TO MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS THAT ENHANCE HYGIENE AND SANITATION, SUCH AS DISPOSABLE HOSPITAL GOWNS AND GARBAGE BAGS; AND MASSACHUSETTS' RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS CONTINUED TO COLLECT AND RECYCLE SCRAP TIRES, PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PRODUCING VALUABLE RUBBER PRODUCTS SUCH AS THOSE USED IN VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AND MASSACHUSETTS RECYCLING INDUSTRY HAS COLLECTED, SORTED, PROCESSED AND DELIVERED RECOVERED FIBER TO PAPER, CONTAINERBOARD, AND PAPERBOARD MILLS TO BE USED IN MANUFACTURING ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TISSUE PRODUCTS, PULP USED IN DIAPERS AND OTHER PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS, PAPER FOR COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION, BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, AND PACKAGING FOR FOOD, BEVERAGES, FOODSERVICE, CLEANING SUPPLIES, PHARMACEUTICALS, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ESSENTIAL CONSUMER PRODUCTS; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEREBY COMMEND THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MEMBERS FOR THEIR ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR MASSACHUSETTS MANUFACTURERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AND FURTHER APPRECIATE THEM FOR CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES NECESSARY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURE OF GOODS AND PRODUCTS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MEMBERS.



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