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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Shimkus:

We are writing to request a hearing on legislative proposals to modernize the manifest system for shipment of hazardous waste.

Legislation to establish an electronic manifest system for hazardous waste would help ensure hazardous waste is properly disposed of, enhance compliance with the Resources Conservation Recovery Act, and help reduce compliance costs for industry and states. This concept has been supported by chemical companies, state agencies, and environmental organizations.

On August 2, 2011, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed S. 710, legislation which would create an electronic manifest system. This legislation, as well as previous versions of it, has been subject to multiple hearings in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. S. 710 is nearly identical to legislation introduced by Representative David Price in the 111th Congress.

S. 710 falls within the jurisdiction of the Environment and the Economy Subcommittee, but the Subcommittee has yet to hold either an oversight hearing or a legislative hearing on this issue. We believe the Subcommittee should hold hearings on this legislation and then work to

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expedite its passage. A legislative hearing will allow members the opportunity to understand the implementation and impact of a shift to electronic waste manifests. It will also allow us to hear from stakeholders on significant differences between legislative proposals, such as the question of whether the distribution of user fees should be subject to the appropriations process.

This is important legislation that deserves a prompt hearing and fast action by the Committee and the House.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Member



Gene Green  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Environment and  
the Economy