

Volunteers begin efforts to change Alabama's Environmental Laws

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Representatives from Citizens for a Clean Southwest Alabama (CCSA), went to the Capital in Montgomery, Wednesday, March 5th, and joined other organizations from across the state, to show their support of House Bill #313. This bill would call for legislation to protect rural residents from landfills. This bill would also change and improve Alabama's environmental landfill laws. Alabama law now requires that a landfill application be automatically approved if it has no action by the local government within 90 days.

"These indulgent laws are one reason Alabama has been targeted by out of state landfill investors," says Johnny Andrews, CCSA Chairman. "This makes as much sense as having a law that says 'if you don't disapprove of the credit card applications you receive in your mail, it will be automatically approved.' There is now legislation proposed to revise this law, which so heavily favors the waste industry, so the landfill application would be automatically denied, not approved as the present law demands. This would also keep that authority in its rightful place - with the local county Commissioners." Andrews said.



Pictured are members of CCSA and other groups from Alabama, calling for environmental justice. Johnny Andrews, of CCSA, told lawmakers that his group was prepared to "go to the wall" to stop the proposed landfill in Conecuh County.