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Re: LRB 2450/1

Gentlemen:

The Brownfields Study Group applauds your efforts to expand the financial incentives for the redevelopment of brownfield properties. The current approach of only focusing the "environmental TIF" on traditional environmental issues (soil, groundwater, sediment and air) is too narrow and does not address the significant costs associated with contaminated building materials, such as asbestos and/or contaminated concrete slabs. Many times, the costs of addressing building material contamination exceeds the cost of soil and groundwater cleanup. Not having financial "tools" to address the cost of properly identifying and disposing of building contaminants deters redevelopment as you point out in your co-sponsorship memorandum.

The mission of the Brownfields Study Group is to promote laws, rules and policy that foster redevelopment of contaminated properties. Your proposal would greatly assist the state's brownfield efforts. We, therefore, thank you for sponsoring this legislation and support introduction to the Legislature and passage into law.

Very truly yours,

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