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December 1, 2020

Hon. Alder Abby Roth
Hon. Alder Eli Sabin
Misty Maza, Counsel

Good day to you all:

This note follows-up our last email correspondence to the city, dated November 10th (see below). We are using this opportunity to submit written testimony and to also request that I be registered to testify tonight regarding this matter. Please distribute the attached to the Legislation Committee members and staff as appropriate. Thank you.

The attached is submitted as our formal testimony regarding your pending GPS ordinance. It highlights, only in part, what we fear will be the outcome of enactment into law of this GPS ordinance. This attachment is submitted in full anticipation that it will be supplemented by my oral testimony tonight.

What we have learned over the years is that simply stating and pressing forward with our concerns is not always enough to alter the trajectory of legislation or regulation that upsets our abilities to collect and manage recyclables and waste materials. You will note a lot reasons are provided why you should not proceed; in other words, lots of no – don't make this change for very valid reasons. That said, you still have your noise complaints and quality of life issues – as I heard by listing to your last meeting on YouTube.

We believe that in order to address and really fix this situation we will need to work further together, perhaps by and through a series of in-person or remote, Zoom meetings between city officials and hauler licensees. This format and process will allow for a robust dialog and discussion which we sincerely believe has great likelihood to address and resolve the city's issues and our issues -- without enactment of this GPS local law. Granted this process will take some

time and effort; but our experience with focusing on these types of problems -- around the northeast -- in this kind of collaborative format more often than not hits the mark and resolves the issue.

Thank you for the courtesies extended last month; we look forward to our opportunity tonight to work further on this matter with you.

Regards,
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Importance: High

Good day:

We are in receipt of this notice; and we respectfully request that the above subject line proposed ordinance be tabled for action tonight.

I work with the CT NWRA Chapter and our association is comprised of private haulers who operate in New Haven and all over Connecticut. We have information and write-ups about our operations which we would like to bring to your attention, but we have little understanding about the “why” behind this introduced ordinance.

Accordingly, with respect, we ask for this matter to be tabled tonight for action at a later meeting. In the meantime we will endeavor to work with you to get a better understanding about what is going on; and what other options might be adequate to resolve the underlying issues.

Additionally, personally, I have a last minute kind of conflict and cannot attend or participate in the 6pm hearing tonight. Thanks for any courtesies, within all the appropriate rules and such, that you might extend to my member companies, and me regarding our request to table.

Regards
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