

**~ ACT 148 & S208 ~**

**THE CHALLENGES FOR SMALL HAULERS:**

**~NO FACILITY TO HAUL TO AND NO MARKET~**

- ~ 5 TO 7 HRS. ROUND TRIP TO MRF. IN CHITTENDEN THEY CHARGE \$10.00/ TON UNLESS FROM CHITTENDEN THEN FREE.
  
- ~ GOT PRICE FROM CASELLA TO DUMP AT CV ( MONTELIER) \$37.50 4 HOUR TRIP  
GOT PRICE FROM CASELLA TO DUMP AT HYDE PARK \$50.50 ABOUT 3 HOURS
  
- ~ WE CAN NOT PICK-UP CURB SIDE AND HAUL THIS DISTANCE AT NO CHARGE  
THERE WILL BE A CHARGE, WHY DO WE NEED TO HIDE IT FROM CUSTOMER
  
- ~ SMALL HAULERS CAN NOT BUY MORE TRUCK, HIRE DRIVER TO DRIVE AROUND  
THE SAME ROUTES THEN HAUL LONG DISTANCE AND COMPETE WITH  
LARGER HAULERS IT WILL KILL THERE BUSINESS
  
- ~ CAN NOT BE PICKED UP AT THE SAME TIME SPLIT BODY TRUCKS DO NOT WORK  
1 COMPARTMENT GETS FULL BEFORE OTHER THAN A WASTED TRIP TO DUMP  
THAT COMPARTMENT AND WE CAN NOT DO DUMPSTERS WITH THIS TYPE  
OF COMPACTOR
  
- ~ \$1 FRANCHISE TAX WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING FOR DISTRICTS OR HAULERS  
WILL GENERATE \$500,000 AT BEST WE GET 10% WE WOULD HAVE MORE  
REVENUE WITHOUT THE TAX, IT WILL COST US ALMOST \$200.00 PER WEEK
  
- ~ IT WILL COST US BETWEEN \$500,000 AND \$700,000 TO SET UP, THIS DOES NOT  
INCLUDE THE COST OF TRUCKS OR THE FOOD WASTE PART OF THIS BILL
  
- ~ FOOD WASTE CAN NOT BE PICKED UP CURB SIDE IN RURAL AREAS MOST  
PEOPLE WILL NOT PAY FOR THIS SO WE WILL BE STUCK DRIVING BY ALOT OF  
HOUSES TO SERVICE A FEW

~ GOVERNOR SHUMLIN HAS SAID HE IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS TO PASS LAWS THAT FORCE PEOPLE TO BREAK THE LAW, THAT IS WHAT ACT 148 WILL DO

~ WHO IS BREAKING THE LAW THE HAULER OR THE CUSTOMER

~ **IN THE NEKWMD WE ARE ALREADY BELOW YOUR PROJECTED LIMITS~**

~ THE SYSTEM WE HAVE IN PLACE IS WORKING WE HAVE BEEN BELOW THE PROJECTED LIMITS FOR TEN YEARS

~ WE PAID THE NEKWMD \$64,428.75 IN 2013, WE HAULED 7961.96 TON THAT IS EQUAL TO \$8.09 PER TON TAX

~ WE DO NOT NEED BOTH SYSTEMS WE CAN'T PICK-UP CURB SIDE AND PAY THIS FEE. ARE WE SCRAPING A SYSTEM THAT WORKS IN A RURAL AREA FOR ONE THAT CAN'T SUSTAIN ITSELF IN THE POPULATED AREAS

~ CSWMD INCREASED THERE SUR-CHARGE FROM \$22.06 PER TON TO \$27.00 PER TON IN 2013 THIS IS A INCREASE OF 22.4%

~ IN 2013 THE MRF. DOUBLED ITS RATE FOR RECYCLABLES FROM \$5 TO \$10 A TON THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN A AREA WHERE THEY HAVE THE POPULATION TO RUN A ZERO SORT SYSTEM

~ IN 2013 THE NEKWD DECREASED IT'S RATE BY 13% FROM \$22.55 TO \$20.00 WHAT WE HAVE IS WORKING

~THE EXEMPTION PROPOSED IN S208 IS A GOOD START BUT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH THIS EXEMPTION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN, NOT LEFT UP TO THE SECRETARY TO DECIDE

~ ACT 148 WILL PUSH ALL SMALL HAULERS OUT OF BUSINESS I KNOW THAT IS NOT WHAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE WANTS.

~ S208 WILL HELP IF AREAS LIKE THE NORTHEAST KING ARE GUARANTEED TO GET THE EXEMPTION.

~ ADDITIONAL TAX ON RUBBISH, IF THAT TAX IS ADDED THAN 100% OF THAT MONEY SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STUCK WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS LAW 0% OF THIS SHOULD GO TO THE GENERAL FUND WHICH ALREAD GET \$3,000,000 FROM THE \$6.00 PER TON TAX

~ THE BOTTLE PORTION OF THIS BILL WILL JUST MAKE PEOPLE THROW THE LIQUOR BOTTLE IN THE TRASH, IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT DIVERTING MORE WASTE FROM THE LANDFILL EXPAND THE BOTTLE.... INCREASE THE DEPOSIT AND ADD WATER, ICE TEA, AND OTHER SINGLE SERVE CONTAINERS IF IT IS WORTH SOMETHING PEOPLE WILL PAY ATTENTION AND PUT IT IN THE RIGHT PLACE, IF IT COST THEM MORE THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO SAVE MONEY

Thank you very much for taking our input S208 and I hope it helps the small haulers in the rural areas that have the same struggles we face. If you have any questions fell free to call me on my cell 1-(802)-673-8862

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