

Austins Rubbish & Roll Off Service
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~ 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 THE MATERIAL IS FROM CHITTENDEN THEN ITS FREE. WE NEED A FREE FACILITY IN THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM FOR ZERO SORT RECYCLING
- ~ 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 THE CUSTOMER
- ~ SMALL HAULERS CAN NOT BUY MORE TRUCKS, HIRE DRIVERS TO DRIVE AROUND THE SAME ROUTES THEN HAUL LONG DISTANCES AND COMPETE WITH THE 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. THE DATES IN ACT 148 NEED TO BE PUSHED BACK

~ 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 \$64,428.75 IN DISTRICT FEE IN 2013 AND 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 CHITTENDEN COUNTY IS AT 4.5 POUNDS PER PERSON PER WEEK OF TRASH AND THEY HAVE HAD MANDATORY RECYCLING FOR YEARS

~ CSWMD INCREASED THEIR SUR-CHARGE FROM \$22.06 PER TON TO \$27.00 PER TON IN 2013 THIS IS A INCREASE OF 22.4% SOME OF THESE DISTRICTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL WITH THEIR FEES THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME OVER SIGHT ON THE DISTRICTS

~ 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 YOU CANNOT RUN A ZERO SORT SYSTEM IN THE RURAL AREAS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MATERIAL TO RECOVER

2.7 ~ IN 2013 THE NEKWMD DECREASED IT'S RATE BY 2.5% FROM \$22.55 TO \$22.00 WHAT WE HAVE IS WORKING WE ARE BELOW THE PROJECTED LIMIT OF POUNDS PER PERSON PER DAY WE HAVE BEEN BELOW 2 POUNDS PER PERSON FOR 10 YEARS THIS ALONE SHOULD GUARANTEE THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM IS EXEMPT FROM ACT 148 ANY AREA THAT IS BELOW THIS LIMIT SHOULD BE EXEMPT, MAYBE THE A.N.R. SHOULD LOOK AT WHAT THE NORTHEAST IS DOING IT SEEMS MORE EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL

~THERE IS ALOT OF RECYCLING GOING ON IN THE NORTHEAST WE ALONE RECYCLE OVER 600 TON OF CARDBOARD AND THIS IS AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER

~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 WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SECRETARY DOES NOT GIVE THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM THE EXEMPTION

~ ACT 148 WILL PUSH ALL SMALL HAULERS OUT OF BUSINESS I KNOW THAT IS NOT WHAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE WANTS. THE SMALL HAULERS THAT I HAVE TALKED TO SAY THEY HAVE NO PLAN TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE BECAUSE IT CAN'T BE DONE IN THE AREAS WITH NO INFRASTRUCTURE

~ S208 WILL HELP IF AREAS LIKE THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM 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 ALREADY GETS \$3,000,000 FROM THE \$6.00 PER TON TAX

~S208 SAYS THAT SUBSTANTIAL OPPORTUNITIES EXIST IN THE STATE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE I ONLY KNOW OF ONE AND IT HAS NOT BEEN OPEN LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW IF IT IS VIABLE

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 feel free to call me at my office 1-(802)-895-4889

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