

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

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Mr. Tony Klein, Chairman
Vermont Statehouse
House Natural Resources & Energy Committee
115 State Street
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Subject: Act 148 Funding – S.602

Dear Chairman Klein:

I am writing in support of S.602. The legislation would provide much needed financial assistance to Solid Waste Management Entities and private businesses in their efforts to comply with Act 148.

Since its passage, Districts, Alliances, individual towns, and private businesses have worked diligently to meet the requirements of Act 148 with minimal assistance with funding. As the phased-in deadlines for implementation of the leaf and yard waste and organics collection portions of the law go into effect, the \$6 per ton increase in the franchise tax would provide an essential infusion of money at a critical time. Grant funds for construction of new facilities, improvements to existing facilities, vehicles, carts, totes, and containers will allow Solid Waste Management Entities and private businesses to pursue projects that may be out of their financial grasp otherwise.

This bill would help relieve some of the financial burden of Act 148's unfunded mandates for Solid Waste Management Entities as well as private businesses. I believe this bill is important for the successful implementation of Act 148. Please convey my wholehearted support for its passage.

Sincerely,

Pamela Clapp

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Cc: Representative Robin Chestnut-Tangerman

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