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Natural Resources Committee Members:

I would like to start by thanking you very much for taking my testimony and listening very intently to the problems we face going forward. The following are some of the direct language changes that I feel would help the situation going forward.

1: Hold the ban on compost at 52 ton (this will let the Infrastructure build and the industry get equipped to provide the service. If this does not happen first it will drive the cost of this service to a level the Vermonters can not afford. Keep in mind it took over 20 years to build the infrastructure that is in place for managing our recyclables).

2: Before there is any tax increase we first need to make sure the \$6.00 per ton tax that is in place is being spent on Solid Waste Infrastructure.... If 75% of this money was spent on infrastructure just since 2012, the year Act 148 was past, than ANR should have spent \$9,600,000 on solid waste infrastructure. We need to account for this money so we can be sure any increase will go where it is intended.

3: It needs to be clarified that haulers have to OFFER curbside recycling service and that the law did not intend for haulers to FORCE our customers to except and pay for the service. I am ok with providing our customers with the service but with a free option in every town it is impossible to force people to pay for this service, if it is not clarified ANR has already told me they will enforce this on my company and others.

4: This needs to be added: Solid Waste Management Districts can not levy a tax against the hauling community and then use them funds to set up and compete against them same haulers.

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