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Hello Senator Bray,

I am concerned with the last minute efforts by the owners of the landfill and in Coventry and other haulers to push revisions to Act 148.

The LRSWMD is in the process of opening a new food scrap composting facility at a dormant biosolids composting facility in Johnson. We were awarded a Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant by our federal congressional delegation for this project and the application was supported by the Lamoille Regional Planning Commission, The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, The Agency of Agriculture and the Agency of Natural Resources. We are not alone in investing in infrastructure based on a law that was passed unanimously by the legislature. These revisions should not be considered lightly and the 11th hour is the wrong time to make decisions that would destabilize significant private and public investments.

I know you are well versed in the attributes of compost for healthy soils, the job creation and economic benefits of composting jobs, and the realities around environmental enforcement. With the haulers able to charge what ever they like for food scrap collection services, combined with homeowners ability to choose to deliver food scraps to drop offs or manage them in their backyard, combined with municipalities ability to secure waivers for curbside collection most of the anti-Act 148 fears and conjectures are moot.

So please close down this dialog on Act 148 revisions now which is a clearly a huge distraction to moving ahead with our July 1 deadlines.

Should these revisions warrant further discussion, I am happy to work over the summer or at the start of the next legislative session to contribute to a cogent conversation.

Best,

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