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Sen. Christopher Bray, Chair
State of Vermont Legislature
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

RE: **Solid Waste Issues**

Dear Senator Bray:

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) recognizes these are difficult times for everyone and appreciates the efforts of your committee to continue addressing the needs of Vermonters in this time of crisis.

While we are unable to participate in today's solid waste discussion. We do have some opinions on many of the issues raised by Casella in their letter dated March 27, 2020. In order to remain brief, I will address the issues raised by Casella in the order in which they appear in their letter.

- (1) The NEKWMD supports the temporary suspension of the landfill ban on mandatory recyclables until December 21, 2020 or until the State of Emergency has been lifted.
- (2) The NEKWMD supports the delay of the July 1, 2020 landfill ban on food residuals. A one-year delay seems reasonable.
- (3) The NEKWMD supports the delay of any other requirements that add costs to the solid waste system – most notably the requirements to collect and recycle asphalt shingles and sheetrock.
- (4) The NEKWMD supports, on a temporary basis, the use of glass as road base in landfills.
- (5) The NEKWMD does not support the use of the Solid Waste Management fund by the private sector.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Paul Tomasi, Executive Director