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Environment Committee  
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building  
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Dear Committee Member:

Smurfit-Stone Recycling Company is one of the largest recycling entities in the United States. And while we do not currently have a recycling facility in Connecticut, we will be reviewing states for possible expansion opportunities in the future. Our parent company, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation does have a mill that uses recycled materials as feedstock located in Uncasville.

Whether we would choose Connecticut as a possible expansion site for a recycling facility in the future would depend on the outcome of any mandates by the state that only the local jurisdiction's franchise hauler or their own collection operations has the right to contract for recyclables from businesses. Our business depends on the ability to make individual contracts for recyclables from businesses. We would not oppose a bill that offers the generator a choice between the local jurisdiction's franchise hauler or their own collection operation as long as private recyclers were able to compete for their business as well.

If HB 5474 remains a mandate only for the local jurisdiction, then we would register our opposition.

Sincerely,

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