

My name is Jerry Tyminski

I am the Executive Director of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA), serving 12 member towns in Southeastern Connecticut.

I am here to speak in opposition to Senate Bill 3 “An Act Prohibiting the Acquisition or Use of Certain Parcels of Land as Ash Residue Disposal Areas”.

The ash from the Preston Facility presently is taken to the Wheelabrator landfill in Putnam. The Putnam Facility is the only option for the plants operating in Connecticut to dispose of their ash in the state of Connecticut. This arrangement allows for a pricing monopoly for the Putnam Facility. The only other option is to transport the ash out of state at a much higher cost.

Cost of disposal is a high priority for the Authority. We presently spend between \$2.7m and \$3.0m a year for ash disposal. Any saving in disposal cost would be passed to the towns as a reduction in their tipping fees. A \$3.00 reduction in ash disposal cost translates to a \$1.00 reduction in the MSW tipping fee.

In the early 1990's, SCRRA built, operated, closed and now maintains under Federal and State Regulations a double lined ash landfill in Montville Connecticut. Few people in the area likely know where it is located and millions of people drive by it on an annual basis. If you would like a tour, I would be glad to provide one.

The technology is proven the landfill can be built, operated and maintained in an environmentally friendly manner. When it is closed, the landfill can be made astatically pleasing, and can have limited recreational use to the town.

If you choose to pass this legislation and enact it into law the likelihood of any public landfill being built in the state will be nil. The cost impact upon the towns of this state will linger for many years. I ask that you think carefully on this matter before you make your decisions.

Thank you and if you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them.