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Ref.: Support for the Raised S.B. No. 995

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to support the Raised Bill No. 995.

Our thinking about waste has to change: Instead of producing tons of waste we have to look at recycling. Therefore we should focus on the waste streams of industrial processes as potential raw materials for other processes.

This "green thinking" requires an altered approach in industry and government. Industry has to come up with environmentally sensitive proposals for re-use of waste streams. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection should be able to issue permits to reuse waste. This has to be done on an individual basis. Seidel, Inc. for instance, developed processes without heavy metals and therefore produces waste streams without heavy metals. That makes recycling much easier.

The advantages seem quite obvious:

1. Less waste streams are better for the environment.
2. As landfills are filling up, the disposal of waste will be more difficult in the future.
3. Cost for waste disposal could be reduced and thus make CT companies more competitive.
4. Cost for raw materials could be reduced by re-using waste streams and thus increasing efficiencies.

We hope that a new "green thinking" will take hold in government and industry.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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President