

Senator Looney, Rep. Janowski and members of the Committee, my name is Theodore Martland and I'm here to be considered for the Board of Directors of CRRA.

I've been a member of the CRRA Board of Directors for a little over six years, actually since its reorganization. In that time I have enjoyed working with the other Directors, who, to a person have dedicated themselves to the best interests of CRRA and the residents of Connecticut thru their towns. At no time was I able to determine who appointed whom by the way any Director voted or offered a position. The different backgrounds and different experiences of Directors have truly, in my judgment, improved the quality of our decisions.

Two major issues confront CRRA which will affect Connecticut economically and environmentally which need to be addressed within the next few years. They are the Mid-Connecticut Project composed of 70 towns; and a publicly owned ash residue landfill to be located within the State of Connecticut.

The Mid-Connecticut Project, with facilities primarily located in Hartford, requires reorganization by 2012 when its current agreements with 70 towns expire. That effort requires a lot of communicating and working with the Towns to assure them that whatever the configuration of CRRA, and its relationship with participating towns, it will be in the best economic interest of those Towns and the citizens of Connecticut as well as a viable CRRA.

In the case of a publicly owned ash residue landfill, in state, such is critical from an economic as well as an environmental perspective. Soon we will need to export ash residue out of State at costs dramatically higher than when CRRA could

deposit such at the Hartford landfill. Recently CRRA has experienced some ill feeling from Massachusetts residents for bringing waste to a landfill in Massachusetts as they express the opinion that their landfill should only be used by Massachusetts residents. As more people become more sensitive to environmental issues, we can expect similar positions in other currently receptive states. Thus the current potential landfill under consideration, which environmentally is the best possible location in Connecticut needs support, if not there, where? and controlled by whom? And, it remains my hope that ash residue can be re-used in Connecticut as it does in other states, but that hope may be fading.

Finally, I wish to add that due to my age, if I experience any changes in my health which could adversely affect my judgment and ability to serve I shall offer my immediate resignation, but hopefully not before 2012.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.