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Re: Proposed Bill No. 324- An Act Concerning the Mandatory Licensing and Oversight of Trash Haulers.

Dear Committee members:

I am writing this letter to express my concern over Proposed Bill No.324. I find this proposed legislation to be very cumbersome for all trash haulers (large and small) operating in our state. There are numerous reasons why this bill should not be moved forward. It is very broad and far-reaching. It appears to me that the proposed purpose of the legislation is a major duplication of efforts. Is this just to catch a few bad actors in our industry? These bad actors got caught in their schemes by traditional law enforcement. Mandatory licensing will not stop people from being corrupt. Law enforcement does. It works, as proven in the Danbury case.

There are a lot of discussions about other states having licensing and oversight committees on our industry. There were bad actors operating in New York with a license, they acted improperly, and then got caught. Who caught them in the end? Law enforcement. Not a bureaucratic license or oversight committee.

It is hard enough to run a trash hauling business in Connecticut; this bill just makes it harder.

Our industry is extremely competitive through out the whole state. Having mandatory licensing and oversight does not make the trash hauling industry more competitive. The market place does. This proposed bill number 324 as written is unnecessary and will not achieve its intended goal.

Sincerely,

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