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Senators

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

To whom it may concern:

After reading the proposed Bill No. 324, it is my opinion that Bill misses the mark. Rather than achieving its purpose of cleaning up the trash hauling industry, the bill creates further economic responsibility on Connecticut Businesses, increases the barriers to entry, and infringes on the natural right to participate in free commerce.

In the waste industry, we have seen the effects of the worldwide recession mainly in the collapse of commodity pricing and declines in revenues due to a decrease in the demand for service. I agree that the waste industry has turned to mergers and acquisitions to achieve efficiencies and marginal revenue growth. Still, the waste industry isn't "recession-proof" and would be hurt by a mandatory licensing requirement.

Another concern is the constitutionalism of the proposed bill. I feel the bill unfairly targets the waste industry and unconstitutionally regulates intrastate commerce, and in a capricious and confiscatory manner. The waste industry is already strictly regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Who is next?

Help Connecticut's independent owned companies survive. Oppose bill No. 324

Sincerely,

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