

**Statement of Dorothy (Dot) Kelly
For Volunteer Board Member of CRRA
Before the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee
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Good afternoon Senators Looney and McKinney, Representatives Janowski and Piscopo and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. Thank you for allowing me to meet with you today. I appreciate the opportunity to interview with you for a CRRA Board position.

First let me tell you about my background. I graduated from Yale in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. I worked for 17 years for Ciba-Geigy, a Swiss pharmaceutical and specialty chemical company, from 1980 until 1997, first as a chemist, then as a technical representative and industry manager, and then for ten years in the environmental, health and safety department. In the E,H,&S Department I started as the corporate manager for hazardous waste and then with ever-increasing responsibility rose to the position of Director of Energy and Environmental Services. After leaving full-time employment at Ciba in 1997, in part to have more time to spend with my 3rd grader and twin 1st graders, I continued to consult to Ciba until last year when Ciba was bought by BASF. A few highlights from my time in the EHS department include:

- being the chemical industry representative on EPA's two year Definition of Solid Waste Roundtable;
- leading the American Chemistry's Council work groups on waste recycling, comparable fuels and air standards for wastewater;
- leading a demonstration project on eco-efficiency for President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development;
- being an advisory board member of Harvard's Center for Risk Analysis
- being a member of Yale University's Next Generation Project for Environmental Regulations

Besides consulting for Ciba since 1997, I have been an active volunteer as well as a consultant to other companies and organizations on energy and environmental matters, such as alternative fuels, distributed micro-hydro permitting, geothermal HVAC systems, wind turbine permitting, waste minimization and recycling initiatives, and environmental compliance consulting for water, air, waste, SPCC, EPCRA, OPA, CERCLA, OSHA, and DOT as well as environmental reviews for various land use projects.

As a mom, I'm a recent empty nester with my twins at WPI as freshmen and my older son a junior at Marist. As a volunteer I am a current Aquarion citizen advisory board member, current Darien Library board member and Darien Library building committee member recently responsible for the site remediation, the geothermal HVAC permitting, and our GOLD LEED certification. I am also currently a Darien energy task force member, a Yale alumni energy conference steering committee member, a Darien LWV board member, as well as a Justice of the Peace. I have recently been a Darien Land Trust board member and chair of property stewardship as well as a member of the Darien RTM and chair of its public safety committee. In addition, for many years I served as co-chair of the Darien resource conservation and solid waste management committee.

As the possible board member to fill the position being vacated by Raymond O'Brien, I attended the annual meeting of the CRRA board on February 3 as well as the February board meeting on February 25, 2010. CRRA served a very important role for the municipalities since the early 1970's when the Authority was formed to help the towns economically and ecologically manage their town's garbage disposal and recycling. The towns were facing a crisis with the closure of local dumps and high alternative disposal costs. The CRRA solution was to develop waste-to-energy plants to reduce the volume of the garbage as well as produce a needed commodity. With the contracts and the bonds coming to an end for the various waste-to-energy plants that were developed through CRRA's authority, this is a period of transition for CRRA.

I look forward to the opportunity and challenge of serving Connecticut and all the municipalities as a Board Member of CRRA during this time of transition. Thank you for considering my nomination to the CRRA board. I welcome your questions and hope that you'll be convinced to support my nomination.