

**Testimony of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority,
Before the Program Review & Investigations Committee
HB 5301 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
IN CONNECTICUT
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Good afternoon, Senator Kissel, Representative Mushinsky and members of the Program Review and Investigations Committee. My name is Tom Kirk and I am the President of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding HB 5301, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

Regarding section one of the bill which deals with designating new recyclable items, we would suggest adding language which incorporates the marketability of adding new recyclable items, in addition to whether intermediate processing facilities have the capacity and capability. If there are no markets to sell a recycled product then it will end up in the waste stream which is what we want to avoid.

CRRA supports section 6(d) which would require submitting electronically solid waste data to DEP that is currently required to be submitted on paper copies. This proposed change will decrease CRRA's use of paper and allow for easier transmittal of CRRA data to the Department.

Regarding section 6(b) of the bill, the language could be interpreted that CRRA or an owner or operator of a resource recovery authority would have to provide a list of each and every delivery that occurs. This would be an enormous administrative burden due to the thousands of deliveries. CRRA can report on a monthly basis the total tonnage quantity delivered by individual haulers, the number of deliveries rather than listing every individual delivery.

Regarding Section 5, CRRA supports a study of the economic feasibility of a state purchase and ownership of solid waste disposal areas. CRRA would look forward to providing input to the Department on an important public health and solid waste issue. Without public ownership of certain solid waste disposal areas, the state will continue to surrender price control to private owners of such facilities in a supply constrained market.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 5301.