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The Honorable Daniel P. Malloy
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
200 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

Council 4 has just learned that at the last meeting of the CRRA a decision was made to spend down all of CRRA's capital reserves. The consequences of this will be quite costly for the State of Connecticut. This is a seriously ill-advised action, and we urge you to use your good offices to stop it.

At the February 24, 2011 meeting of CRRA, Chairman Michael Pace declared that CRRA would expend virtually all of its reserves to offer a temporary tipping fee price break to towns that decide to contract with it for waste disposal and recycling services. Apparently, President Tom Kirk and Chairman Pace believe this is necessary because so many towns have lost faith with the poor operation of CRRA. As many as 40 towns are currently seeking to create an alternative to CRRA.

Mr. Kirk and Mr. Pace are very aware that those reserves will be needed to cover the post retirement benefit cost of the MDC workers who have been working for the CRRA for more than 26 years now. While Mr. Kirk and Mr. Pace deny that CRRA is responsible for these costs, they know that the MDC has a valid claim they could be ordered to pay by the courts. These costs could be as high as \$39 million.

While Council 4 very much wants to deliver more state money to Connecticut's municipalities, this is indisputably the wrong way to do it. Despite CRRA's attempts to claim they are not a state agency, in the end they very much are. At this time of extreme financial difficulty for the state and most of its residents, we feel it is our duty to alert you to this impending problem. We would be happy to answer any questions about this or provide any additional information.



Thank you for your consideration and help on this serious matter.

Sincerely,



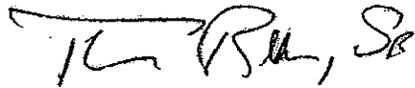
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