

Statement of Nicholas H. Mullane, II  
Before the Executive Legislative Nominations Committee  
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My name is Nicholas H. Mullane, II, I am the First Selectman of the Town of North Stonington. I have held this position for 25 years. I am seeking reappointment to the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority Board as a representative of towns with a population of 50,000 or less.

I was appointed to the CRRRA Board in July, 2009, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mark Cooper. I must admit that I am still in the learning stages of my responsibilities as a Board member. I come to this appointment offering practical experience of having closed the solid waste facility in North Stonington, being a charter member of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority Advisory Board and a seated member, the Town of North Stonington, Preston, and Ledyard were the towns that started the regional hazardous waste collection in Southeastern Connecticut. For five (5) years I was a certified transfer station and bulky waste operator. I served on the Governor's Solid Waste Recycling Study Committee, I was the individual responsible in North Stonington for implementing the original Town recycling efforts up to and including hazardous waste and the recycling of electronics and now implementing single stream recycling. I offer to the Board my experience with these and the knowledge of the difficulties of handling the waste stream for a municipality.

I come to the Board with my previous 30 years of experience at General Dynamics, Electric Boat estimating and contracts background and the knowledge as a First Selectman of the Connecticut General Statutes, of local budgeting process, interfacing with the State aid programs and the experience of financial bonding and borrowing for Town purposes.

My interest in volunteering my time for this Board is a concern for my town, Southeastern Connecticut, and our State for the long term planning for disposal of solid waste and our recycling programs. Many of the contracts with the Resource Recovery Authorities are coming due and it is best that a long term solution be found for the entire State collectively. I have had considerable concerns about some of the Connecticut's waste and ash going out of state. At some point this capability will diminish or be eliminated altogether, leaving the State having to be totally self sufficient in their waste disposal. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today.