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Chairman John W. Fonfara  
Chairwoman Vickie O. Nardello  
Energy & Technology Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Rm. 3900  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: S.B. 333: ACC THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES  
RECOVERY AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Chairpersons Fonfara and Nardello  
Members of the Environment and Technology Committee:

Thank you for raising **S.B. 333, An Act Concerning The Membership Of The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's Board Of Directors**. The Environment Committee also raised a bill pertaining to CRRA's governance structure this session. CRRA submitted testimony in support of the intent of the **H.B. 5125, An Act Increasing Municipal Representation On The Board Of Directors For The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority** at a public hearing held on February 22, 2012. Our testimony stated that CRRA intended to follow up with the Environment Committee with compromise language developed and agreed upon by a governance subcommittee comprised of CRRA board members and CRRA member towns. Attached, please find a document that reflects that subcommittee's work.

CRRA understands the Governor's Recycling Working Group has as one of its objectives a review of CRRA's governance structure and the Energy and Technology Committee may be inclined to wait for the Working Group's recommendations which are due on December 1, 2012. However, should the Energy and Technology Committee decide to move ahead with S.B. 333, CRRA asks that the bill be amended to reflect the compromise agreed upon by CRRA board members and member towns.

Thank you,

Thomas D. Kirk  
President

## PROPOSED CRRA CHANGES BASED ON JANUARY 2012 MAC MEETING [REVISED]

The Mid-Connecticut Project Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) recommends the following provisions for consideration by the Board of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) to serve as the basis of proposed legislation in the 2012 session of the Connecticut General Assembly:

( I ) Membership on the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) Board is increased to 15; each member shall serve a four-year term, with terms to be staggered. No members of the Connecticut General Assembly shall serve as a member of the CRRA Board. No Board member shall serve more than eight consecutive years.

( II ) Members are to be appointed as follows:

( a ) Five members -- one each appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tem of the State Senate, the House Speaker, the minority leader of the State Senate, and the minority leader of the State House of Representatives;

( b ) Five officials of municipalities that have entered into contractual relationships with the CRRA individually or through their membership in a Connecticut solid waste authority, having a population of 30,000 or more, one of which shall be a representative of the City of Hartford, and one of which shall be a new member nominated and appointed upon the effective date of this legislation;

( c ) Five officials of municipalities that have entered into contractual relationships with the CRRA individually or through their membership in a Connecticut solid waste authority, having a population of less than 30,000, and one of which shall be a new member nominated and appointed upon the effective date of this legislation.

( III ) In addition to the new members specified in sections II-b and II-c, members serving on the Board as of the effective date of this legislation shall continue to serve until the completion of their term and until a successor is appointed and confirmed.

( IV ) "Officials of municipalities" are defined as first selectman, mayor, city or town manager, or chief financial officer of a municipality that has entered into a solid waste disposal services contract with the CRRA individually or through their membership in a Connecticut solid waste authority. Said "officials of municipalities" may not designate a representative to perform in their absence.

( V ) The Governor shall appoint one of the Board members to serve as chairperson of the board who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Appointees named by the Governor and the President Pro Tem of the State Senate, the House Speaker, the minority leader of the State Senate, and the minority leader of the State House of Representatives shall include at least four members who shall have specific qualifications -- one with a background in government or corporate finance, one with expertise in the environmental field, one with expertise in the energy field, and one with expertise in business or industry.

( VI ) The ten members who are officials of municipalities that have entered into contractual relationships with the CRRRA individually or through their membership in a Connecticut solid waste authority shall be nominated as follows:

( a ) The municipal official representing the City of Hartford shall be nominated by action of the City's legislative body.

( b ) The other four municipal officials from municipalities with a population of 30,000 or more (exclusive of the City of Hartford) and the five municipal officials from municipalities with a population of 30,000 or less shall be selected by a nominating committee of one municipal official from each of the State of Connecticut's Regional Planning Agencies that include municipalities that have contractual relationships with CRRRA individually or through their membership in a Connecticut solid waste authority. Municipal officials selected by the nominating committee shall be submitted to the MAC for its review and action. Municipal officials approved by the MAC shall be recommended to the CRRRA Board for review and action.

( c ) Nominees to the CRRRA Board submitted by the Governor, the President Pro Tem of the State Senate, the House Speaker, the minority leader of the State Senate, the minority leader of the State House of Representatives, and the CRRRA Board shall be submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly for confirmation.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Any Board member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the board or who fails to attend fifty percent of all meetings of the board held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the board.

The chairperson of the Board, with approval of the Board members, shall appoint a president of CRRRA.

Each Board member shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.

Board members may engage in private employment (subject to ethics and conflict of interest provisions).

Seven Board members shall constitute a quorum.

A steering committee of three-to-five members shall be established.