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TESTIMONY ON RAISED S.B. 346, AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL COMPOSTING FACILITY SITING TASK FORCE

Planning and Development Committee, March 9, 2012

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While the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project supports the establishment of a regional composting facility task force, we do seek amending the bill by adding that one representative of the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project be included in the task force.

The Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project includes the municipalities of Cheshire, Hamden, Meriden, North Haven and Wallingford. The member communities consist of over 215,000 residents and 80,000 households. These municipalities generate on average, a total of 140,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually, which is disposed of at the Covanta Wallingford waste-to-energy facility.

Like municipalities in other resource recovery projects, we are committed to meeting the diversion goals of the Solid Waste Management Plan. We are also interested in meeting these goals by the most efficient and economical means available. Having a voice in the siting of composting facility will ensure the interests of the Project are heard. For these reasons, we ask that you amend S.B. 346 to include the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project on the task force.