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## Testimony

### *In Opposition to S.B. 1081, AAC Recycling and Jobs*

Environment Committee  
March 22, 2013

Dear Sen. Meyer, Sen. Chapin, Rep. Gentile, Rep. Shaban and members of the Environment Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on AAC Recycling and Jobs. For the first time in my four and a half years in this legislature, I am here to respectfully oppose, rather than support, a concept before a committee.

I was in the waste hauling and recycling business for over 20 years and am very familiar with many of the local aspects of each. For disclosure purposes, I no longer have any affiliations with these industries, save for a volunteer recycling board in my home town that I have been associated with since 1991. Hence, when I read this proposal, there were several aspects of that really concerned me.

In Section Seven ( 6 ) (B), there would now be a requirement to register with DEEP, while exempting state, municipal, and quasi-public agencies for having to do the same, which, I believe, is neither fair, nor consistent. Also, companies are already registered in their towns. For example, a business in operation in my home town works through the Dept. of Public Works.

Also in Section Seven Subsection (c) (8), there is a reference to paying local, state, and federal taxes. While I am not sure why this is in the bill, it does bring up questions where there may be a disputed tax charge and it is not clear how that would be handled.

In this same section, (g) (3), it speaks to a "...pricing system used in such contract meets any performance standards specified by the commissioner". This calls into question our Free

Enterprise system. Moreover, each region is different, with cost of living levels this is also very different. How could the commissioner know what is appropriate for each town, and how could he justify pricing when it has to be different for a town in Fairfield County, where the cost of living is sky high, to a town in a more rural part of the state, where costs are much lower? Would this even be a consideration for him?

Lastly, in the same Section, (7) (g) (7), there are inconsistencies in the proposed requirements of notices given by registrant to the consumers regarding price increases. In that case, it is 30 days, but a subcontract or assignment of contractual duties by the registrant carries a 60 day notice requirement, and (C), 14 days to terminate such contract prior to any such increase, subcontract or assignment, and (8), finally, not to require the consumer to pay liquidated damages in the event such contract is terminated prior to the end of the initial or extended contract term. This would establish two different rules for the parties for the same offense or act.

I would ask that this committee please reject the above provisions of HB 1081 for the reasons stated.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Camillo".

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