



Testimony of Connecticut Recyclers Coalition
to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

SB 946 *AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE
GOVERNOR'S BUDGET*

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger, Senator Frantz, Representative Davis and distinguished members of the Committee:

The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) is a group of corporate, municipal, institutional and private members linked by the common interest in promoting and advancing recycling and related issues in Connecticut. Formed in 1989, CRC assists members in improving and the efficacy of their own programs, educating the community, and advocating policies and programs that make recycling more effective and economical.

CRC offers the following testimony on SB 946, *AAC Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget*, specifically Section 25. This Section seeks to achieve parity with the way the solid waste assessment is applied to solid waste processed in a resource recovery facility with solid waste processed out of state. Our understanding is that the Section does not intend to extend to diverted materials that are recycled as it specifically states: "[n]o fee established in this subsection shall be due for any solid waste beneficially used or recycled pursuant to an authorization provided in chapter 446d," Sec. 25(b).

CRC notes that CGS, Chapter 446d is expansive and addresses some recycling materials more directly than others. For example, Section 22a-226e addresses source separated organics recycling. However, that Section outlines the organics diversion requirements but doesn't specifically state that all diverted source separated organics are recyclable and therefore exempt from the assessment. CRC believes that further refinement of the language that results in clarifying what is included and excluded under the expanded solid waste assessment is warranted to ensure that this section does not inadvertently thwart Connecticut's recycling goals and businesses.

Finally, CRC urges the Committee and the Legislature to reinvest any increase in revenues from the solid waste assessment as a result of this bill to support recycling programs.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim O'Rourke', is written over a printed name.

Kim O'Rourke
President, CRC