



# LAKIN TIRE EAST, INC.

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## Testimony of David Greenstein, Vice President Lakin Tire East

### RAISED HOUSE BILL No. 5149 AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFICIAL END USES FOR DISCARDED TIRES AND THE EFFICACY OF TIRE HAULING LICENSES OR PERMITS

Chairman Kennedy, Chairman Albis, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban, members of the committee,

My name is David Greenstein, I am a Vice President of Lakin Tire East located in West Haven, CT. We are submitting testimony on Raised House Bill 5149, An Act Concerning Beneficial End Uses for Discarded Tires and the Efficacy of Tire Hauling Licenses or Permits.

Lakin Tire has nearly 100 years of leadership and in-depth experience in the scrap tire industry; we provide safe, smart removal and recycling of scrap tires. Lakin Tire East has made substantial investments in state of the art technology and equipment. We have operated in Connecticut since 1979. We currently employ approximately 200 people at our West Haven facility and occupy nearly 100,000 square feet of warehouse and office space. Lakin Tire has recycled over 30 million CT sourced scrap tires in the past 35 years.

My testimony is fairly straight forward. I share the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's goal; to ensure that scrap tires are disposed of in the most efficient and environmentally responsible way. However, currently the industry faces issues. Since the closure of the Exeter Tire to Energy plant over two years ago an enormous void for tire disposal has been created, as this plant consumed 10 million tires per year. Today, there are zero disposal outlets for scrap tires in Connecticut and there are simply more scrap tires generated in the New England region then there are disposal outlets. This has caused several scrap tire processors in Connecticut and New England to accumulate excess piles due to insufficient markets. Practical solutions in the short term must be considered before the problem becomes unmanageable. Such solutions should include the continuation of the use of tire derived fuel in industrial boilers and for the state to consider civil engineering applications such as Alternative Daily Cover in landfills. Also, tires as a supplemental fuel in Connecticut's MSW plants should also be considered.

Over the past few months we at Lakin Tire have held a series of meetings with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The discussions have been productive in beginning a dialogue on how the state and industry together can work to develop additional end-use markets for scrap tires. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with DEEP staff.

Lakin Tire is committed to continuing to work with the Committee and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide you with the information you need to make informed decisions on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

