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To whom it may concern:

The recycling industry has been a viable environmentally sensitive industry in the State of Washington in excess of 100 years. It is comprised of numerous privately held corporations that operate independently.

We have operated under the provisions as stated in RCW 70.95 since 1989, sub-chapter 903 and others

RCW 70.95.903

Application of chapter — Collection and transportation of recyclable materials by recycling companies or nonprofit entities — Reuse or reclamation.

Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a recycling company or nonprofit entity from collecting and transporting recyclable materials from a buy-back center, drop-box, or from a commercial or industrial generator of recyclable materials, or upon agreement with a solid waste collection company.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting a commercial or industrial generator of commercial recyclable materials from selling, conveying, or arranging for transportation of such material to a recycler for reuse or reclamation.

The recycling industry has been exempt under current WAC codes and WUTC procedures. We request this to remain unchanged.

In the 21st century recycling has been rediscovered by the public.

We believe this rulemaking process was intended for "solid waste" that are not reused or recycled, of which we have no objections of the commission further clarifying procedures.

Recycling is one of the single most methods to reduce green house gas's and excess energy consumption and has been an economically viable unregulated industries for many years. We believe this should continue as the RCW originally intended. Any government regulation that would put franchise companies as competitors should be strictly prohibited as intended by state law.

I am also the Pacific Northwest Chapter president of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, the world's largest trade member recycling association. We offer the commission access to our staff at www.ISRI.org for any needed resources.

I request at this time to be on your contact list for your July 1, 2008 stakeholders meeting.

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